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**Europe Must Be Freed From Perpetual Threats Of Violence, Says Hitler—And Names England!**

**NAZIS STEAL THE ALLIES' THUNDER!**

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A review of Nazi propaganda during the past month shows that it is developing steadily on one of its fundamental principles—accusing the Allies of the weakness the Nazis suffer from themselves.

This principle went into operation when the Nazis realised how greatly German sources of news were discredited. So the Nazis now proceed to try to discredit Allied news.

**NAZI "WAR AIMS"**

One of the most striking features of this has been on the subject of war and peace aims.

In the New Year message to the German people Hitler decided to lay out the German war aims. So he took over the war aims of the Allies!

Germany and Europe must be freed from violence and the perpetual threats which proceeded from England, he said.

This, comment semi-official circles in London, comes odd from the man who annexed Austria, seized Czechoslovakia and plunged Europe into war by attacking Poland.

**EFFECTIVENESS OF BIG LIE**

Still, it is, in keeping with "Mein Kampf," which stresses the effectiveness of a "big lie" as opposed to a small one.

**The Censor Thaws Out**

Reveals Britain's Arctic Conditions

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The ice has been broken by the censor, chuckled the B.B.C. announcer during to-day's Empire broadcasts.

In order to make things difficult for German weathermen—and hence for German airmen—popular comments on "weather" at home have been dropped from Empire news bulletins for some time.

To-day, the censor allowed the B.B.C. to broadcast details of the sort of weather England had been having some two weeks ago.

**Coldest For 46 Years**

This includes the coldest weather in 46 years, freezing of the Thames, ice-skating, broken water pipes and lucky householders sharing their baths with more unfortunate friends.

"It is cold to-day, but we cannot tell you any more about it now," concluded the announcer. "Perhaps we shall be able to give you some more in the future if the censor thaws out again."

**Turkey Receives Allies' Gold**

ANKARA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Gold valued at £15,000,000, granted under the recent Anglo-French-Turkish agreement to strengthen Turkey's exchange, has arrived by special train from Syria.

**Sir Kingsley Wood Meets Polish Airmen**

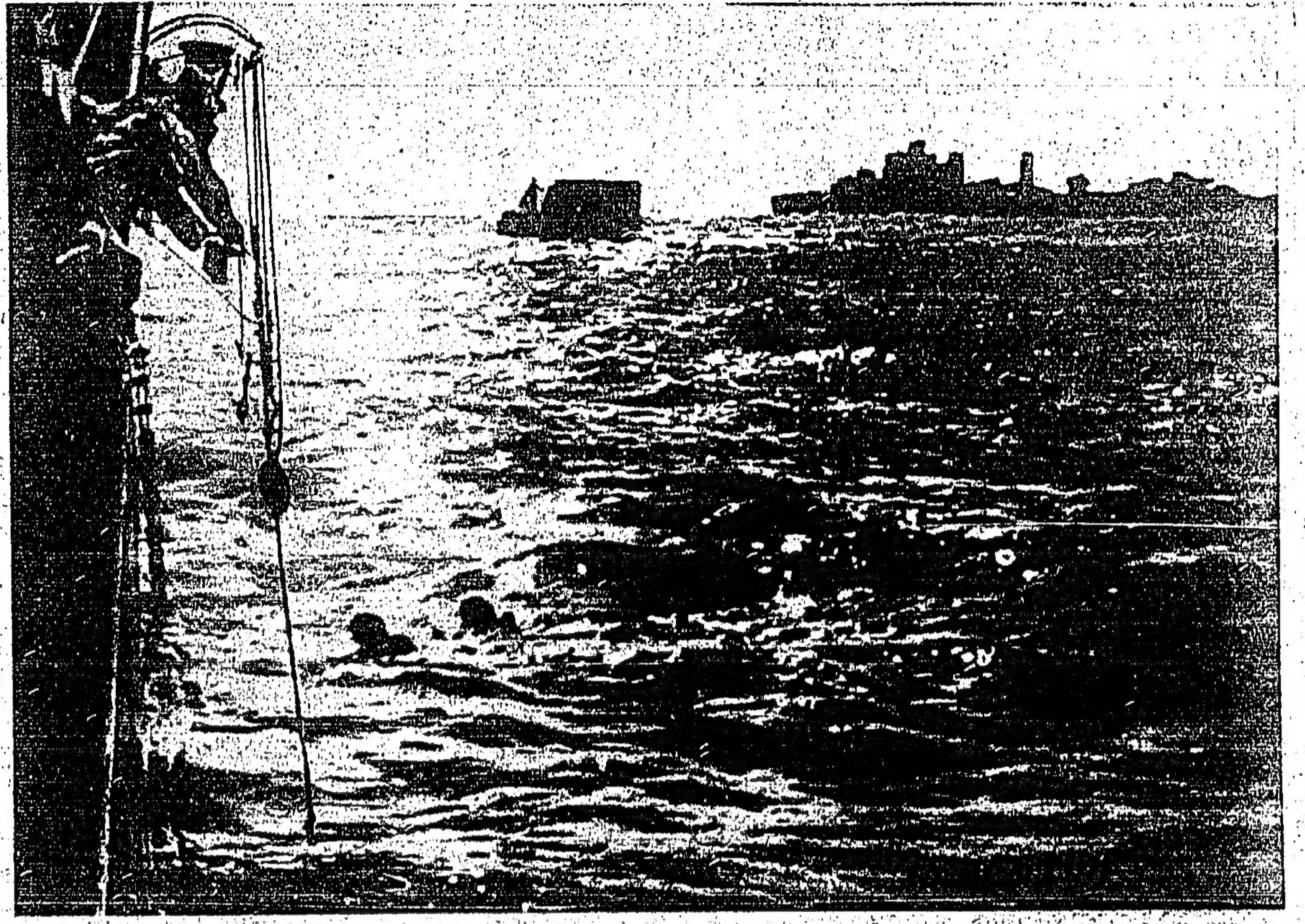
**"WITH MY FOREHEAD I GREET YOU"**

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—"Soldiers, with my forehead I greet you," said Sir Kingsley Wood in Polish when he met on Saturday several hundred Polish airmen who have been connected with the R.A.F. somewhere in England.

With our forehead, Mr. Wood, on the cap and the word "Poland" under, we greet you," replied the Poles in their own language.

The Polish national flag flies from the same mast as the R.A.F. flag over the addition of the Polish eagle to their aerodrome.

**Dramatic Picture of Sinking U-Boat**



This is the first photograph to be taken in this war of the sinking of a U-boat. Sound detectors told the destroyer that there was a pirate around, and depth charges were dropped. The U-boat made desperate efforts to get away unseen. But the depth-charges had found their target and water began to spurt in, so the U-boat was forced up to the surface. Immediately the destroyer fired on it. You can see two of the U-boat men swimming desperately to a rescuing British destroyer, while another, on the conning tower, prepares to leave the doomed craft.

**FURTHER UNREST IN SOVIET UNION**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Domei).—A general feeling of unrest is sweeping the Soviet Union.

Increasing shortages of food and fuel, rising commodity prices and the lowest cold in a century are responsible, according to information reaching here to-day.

**TIENTSIN BLOCKADE**

**Barbed-Wire Barricade Electrified**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

TIENTSIN, Jan. 28 (Domei).—The suggestion advanced by "United Press" that the tightening of the Japanese blockade of the British and French Concessions would be linked with the expiration of the Japan-American treaty of commerce and navigation, has been denied by a Japanese spokesman.

Japanese military authorities on January 27 issued a communique announcing the electrification of the barbed wire fence surrounding the British and French Concessions which was suspended on August 20, 1939, will be resumed at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday.

The fences will again be charged with electricity because of the activities of anti-Japanese elements which often were sneaking from the Concessions into the Japanese occupied area.

It is recalled that "United Press" did not mention the Japanese communique stating that the Japanese action was "coincident" with the expiration of the treaty.

**British Help For Stricken Turks**

ISTANBUL, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The British delegate to help in the distribution of clothing, medicines, food and other relief to earthquake victims reached Istanbul to-day.

He was given an official welcome. He is proceeding to the stricken area to-day.

**Japanese Mass More Troops In Shansi**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

HINGTSI, Jan. 28 (Central).—Fighting in Shansi centres in the southeast part of the province.

After the collapse of their southward push from Changchih and Hukwan, the Japanese have massed some 6,000 troops for a new three-column drive in the same direction.

While engaging in front clashes, the Chinese are launching enveloping attacks at Changchih, Changtse and Hukwan to threaten the enemy bases.

They succeeded in breaking into Hukwan, inflicting heavy casualties upon the Japanese. Several outer defence points of Changchih and Kaoping have returned to Chinese control.

In south Shansi the Japanese are on the defensive after their failure to dislodge the Chinese in the Chung-tai Mountain Range in repeated drives.

To the west of the Tain River the Chinese are bringing pressure to bear upon the Japanese occupying Fow-shan, 22 miles east of Linfen. Several units of Japanese reinforcements have been driven back. The Japanese at Linfen are also menaced by increasing Chinese activities around the city.

**PLEASE Turn To Page 5.**

**Japanese Envoys Meet At Budapest**

BUDAPEST, JAN. 27 (Domei).—A four-day conference of Japanese diplomats from various countries in Europe concluded to-day. The conference was calculated to exchange information and discuss recent developments in Europe, especially in the Balkans.

Conferees included Mr. Elji Amatu, the Japanese Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Toruo Hachiyu, Japanese Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. Kojiro Inouye, Japanese Minister to Hungary, and Mr. Zuhiko Usami, Japanese Minister to Switzerland.

**British Recruiting Office In France**

PARIS, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A British Embassy communique has announced the establishment of a British recruiting office in Paris.

British subjects resident in France between the ages of 20 and 60 who desire to volunteer for service in the British Army are asked to communicate with the recruiting office.

The announcement adds that recruiting centres will be established throughout France.

**CHINESE DENY "PLOT" TO ASSASSINATE ENVOY**

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Referring to the allegation by a Japanese military spokesman on January 25th of a Chinese plot to assassinate Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, in an effort to cause a crisis in the Japanese-American relations, a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated to-day that this was absolutely groundless.

The spokesman said he was most surprised that such an irresponsible statement should have been made by a Japanese official spokesman.

He hoped that such an irresponsible statement on the part of the Japanese would not lead to any irresponsible action.

**LATEST QUICK WORK BY H.K. POLICE**

**Armed Robbers Seized Within Few Minutes**

ANOTHER instance of quick work on the part of the Hong-kong Police was provided on Saturday afternoon, when L/Sgt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective rounded up a gang of armed robbers within a few minutes of an armed robbery.

The entire proceeds of the robbery were recovered.

The robbery occurred at 75 Nam Chung Street, occupied by the Luen Fat money-changing establishment.

Five men, all armed with revolver, participated in the attack, binding the six occupants of the premises with wire.

While they were ransacking the premises, two detectives approached and arrested an armed look-out at the point of the revolver.

The four men in the building were, however, warned and escaped through a side door.

They were chased for some distance by the two detectives who fired shots into the air in an effort to stop them. The detectives were unable to fire at the men owing to the danger of hitting other pedestrians.

A few minutes later, acting on information, L/Sgt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective visited the Kau Tai hotel where three men and a woman were arrested. A revolver and five rounds of ammunition, together with the proceeds of the robbery, were found.

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## Combined Chinese Beat Civilians 4-2

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Hau, dashed in and sent the ball rasping into the goal.

### PRESSING HARD

THE CIVILIANS pressed harder than ever before. Pryde missed a header, Berle a terrific drive from outside the penalty area. Forrow and Bickford both sent in winners which were all, however, just off the mark. The Chinese could only manage periodical raids which became more dangerous as the civilian neglected defence and concentrated on attack. A sudden breakthrough by the Chinese, Chan returned Chung's pass to him for the latter to dash up and centre Blackburn was late in covering Hau who beat Taylor with another drive.

Civilians.—Taylor: Blackburn, Bone; Maxwell, A. V. Gosano, Honniball; Tubliss, Pryde, B. Gosano, Forrow and Bickford.

Chinese.—Cheung, Wing-choi; Lee Tin-sang, Lee Kwok-wai; Leung Wing-chiu, Hsu King-seng, Sooni Ling-sang; Chung Ying-sum, Fung King-cheong, Chan Tai-fai, Lee Wai-long and Hsu Ching-to.

## Referees 2 Press 0 It would happen to the Press!

After a blank first half, a second, in which they were the more aggressive and were aided by the stiff wind, they not only failed to score but allowed the Referees to sneak two goals in quick succession and carry the day in their annual match which served as a curtain raiser for the Chinese-Civilian match.

With few exceptions, two in fact, the Press fielded a team of either veterans or players who were making their first acquaintance with a football. One Press player, however, "Bull" was a real dancer for high government officials. He never had such an assignment.

The Referees, upholders of the Association Laws, were the chief breakers. They displayed their prowess like true mannequins. K. K. Ip, former South China star, was the star turn for the Referees in the forward line, and led his men well. Salter, in goal was safe and was the mainstay of the Referees' defence saving time and again from "terrible" bombardments by the Press. Brokenshire, in goal for the Press gave an inspired performance under the circumstances, the shots that beat him were real eye-openers.

The Press kicked off facing the wind and pegged away at the Ref's goal. Au Shu-ngok teamed well with Murlin, who in turn partnered Omar, on the left wing, came in for some nice runs down the wing. The halves were very weak and it was left to the defence to break up the Ref's movements which they did nicely.

### MORE THRILLS

THE SECOND HALF provided more thrills than the first. The Press kept the Refs in their own area till in a sudden breakthrough the latter scored. Dence and Ip were to the fore. Shortly after, the Referees again found the net when Brokenshire had partially cleared a hard drive by Dence; the ball was tapped into the net with him unable to do anything. The Press were always trying hard for goals but they did not come.

## HIS MASTER'S VOICE NIGHTS AT THE BALLET

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- C2917—Introduces. Scherzade (Tchaikovsky) Ballet scene. Danse des jeunes filles (Borodin) Carnival Waltz in E flat (Chopin) Galop (Bizet).
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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary and Manager.  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

### ENTERTAINERS

That Barrage  
To the Editor.  
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—With reference to the "remarkable" Domei Photo under the caption "Another amazing war picture" and showing "French anti-aircraft shrapnel bursting around a flight of German planes" that appeared in your issue of the 25th and 26th January, I enclose page 180 of the publication "Popular Flying" for July, 1938, which, you will note, contains exactly the same photograph, with the appended description:

"Dogs of war a' barking—but these 'dogs' have lost their teeth. A bright display of imitation shrapnel put into 'benefit' of Herr Hitler, on the occasion of his recent visit to that country."

I am still wondering "What is Truth?"

THE PHOTOGRAPH, reproduced above, was published in good faith. It seems certain that "Domei" who regularly receives photographs from reputable sources in Paris, London, New York and Berlin, have been the victim of a hoax. The local office of the Japanese agency are instituting immediate enquiries in Tokyo. They believe that the original photograph and caption came from Berlin as in illustration of the daring of German airmen. This, of course, would explain any perversion of the truth.—Ed.

# HUXLEY SEES NO LIMIT TO FUTURE OF MANKIND

WASHINGTON.—With an expression of faith at this dark hour of human affairs in the perfectability of men and in their "unlimited future," Julian S. Huxley, British scholar and natural scientist, declared here that the progress of the scientific method will undoubtedly succeed in producing a stable and well regulated society in the end.

"We need have no fear for the future of social science," he said. Following in the path of gradual self-correction and improvement hewed out by natural science, "it, too, will pass through similar phases from its present infancy."

"By the time that the profession of social science, pure and applied, includes as many men and women as are now engaged in natural science, it will have solved major problems of new method, and the results will have altered the whole intellectual climate."

Dr. Huxley spoke this week end at a banquet in his honor arranged by the Smithsonian Institution, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Scientific Monthly. His theme was essentially an optimistic one, tracing the different problems of values, bias, research, and correlation which are faced by the scientific method when it turns from natural to social science, but always indicating from the speaker's broad background that in due time these problems can and will be solved. His topic dealt with the fields of economics, sociology, and government and did not enter into the problems of metaphysics.

Outlining some of the problems in the field of social science, Dr. Huxley said: "In the first place, the social scientist absorbs certain ideas from

familiar methods of his own culture will tend to be accepted as more natural and feasible than they really are.

"Values are deliberately excluded from the purview of natural science: but social science must include them. Values and all that they connote of motive, emotion, qualitative hierarchy, and the rest constitute some of the most important data with which the social scientist must deal. But how can natural science deal with them? he asked. It must 'aim at quantitative treatment: how can it deal with the irreducible absolutes of quality?' Natural science, Dr. Huxley said, "must be morally neutral and dispassionate: how can the social scientist handle the ethical bases of morality, the motives of passion?"

### Judgment Of Values

"Let us be frank with ourselves. There is a sense in which social science can never become fully and vigorously scientific. To understand and describe a system involving values is impossible without some judgment of values. 'However, this is not quite so serious as at first sight appears. Even in natural science regarded as pure knowledge, one value-judgment is implicit—belief in the value of truth. . . . The application of natural science is guided by considerations of utility. Utility is still a value-judgment."

"Thus, rather crudely, we may say that in respect of the problem of values, social science is faced by the same difficulties as in natural science. . . . The value-problem begins earlier for social science in the pure instead of the applied stage, that is all."

### Practical Application

Turning, then, to more detailed application of social science to present day affairs, Dr. Huxley said that society must "multiply at least ten-fold, perhaps fifty-fold, the proportion of individuals and organizations devoted to obtaining information, to planning, correlation, and the flexible control of execution. . . . The speaker added that present agencies working for these ends were inadequate."

"Newspapers and books, radio, universal education—these and other points of technological and social advancement have given us in practice the means of the mechanism needed," he said. "At the moment, however, they are being, in the light of biological, analogy, largely misapplied."

### Need For Readjustment

"Education" stops dead for most people in early adolescence, and concerns itself mainly with providing specialized techniques together with a bit of adolescent culture. The cinema today is primarily an escape mechanism.

"Newspapers distort the balance of truth in the service of political or financial interests, and are driven by competition for advertising into sensation-mongering. The radio is as yet essentially a collection of scraps, a functional patchwork."

"Art as a communal function is moribund and needs to be recreated on a new social basis. Religion is in a similar position, and much of the population no longer feels its influence."

Whatever form the future organizations of society might take, Dr. Huxley said he believed present conditions justified the immediate abandonment of laissez-faire in favour of social and economic planning.

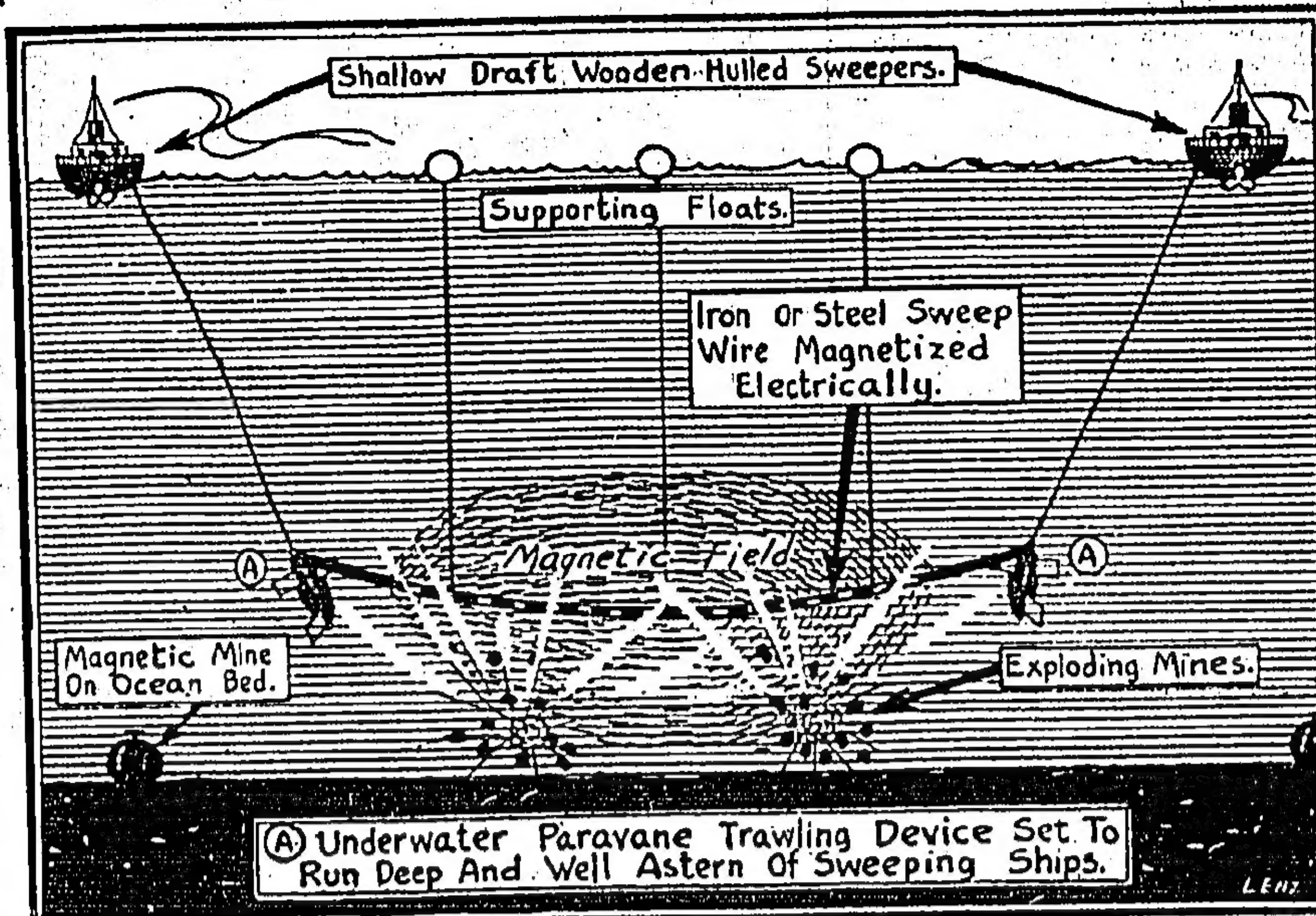
Dr. Huxley dealt somewhat briefly with the lessons which the social sciences can learn from biology, reading only a small portion of his text on this aspect, and plans to develop his subject further in other lectures on his present tour through the United States. The whole forms the subject matter of a book to be published shortly.

## LEAVE FOR A PRISONER

### RESCUED SHIP'S SENTRY

Because of his heroism when the Belfast was damaged by explosion in the Firth of Forth a young able-bodied man who was locked in a cell as a "defaulter" was given a day's shore leave. When the explosion occurred the sentry outside his cell door was injured. He unlocked the door and his "prisoner," watched by officers and crew, picked up the injured sentry, carried him on deck, and tended him until doctors arrived. The defaulter did not belong to the Belfast. In fact, the Belfast crew pride themselves on the fact that not one of them has been detained for any breach of regulations since the ship was commissioned.

## Expert Hits at Magnetic Mines



POSSIBLE METHOD OF SWEEPING OUT GERMANY'S PUZZLING NEW MINES. Although the British have announced they have developed a successful counter weapon to the magnetic mine, actual details are unknown.

# BRITAIN FINDS DEVICE TO SWEEP OUT MINES

LONDON.—The Royal Navy has found counter weapons for the German magnetic mine, naval circles have disclosed.

### Safest Way?

By a Naval Expert

Apparatus is being installed in ships on a large scale and the authorities are confident it will prove successful in sweeping out German trade channels where German submarines and planes have planted mines.

The design of the new apparatus is an Admiralty secret, but one naval authority expressed the opinion it would master the magnetic mine. With the secret of Germany's magnetic mines now revealed, ob-

servers are speculating on the safest and most effective means of disposing of the undersea menace.

With the World War type of mine it was possible to drag at some distance from the mine sweeper for the cable which connected the floating mine with its anchor. This line was cut, and when the mine bobbed to

the surface it could be set off with rifle fire. But with the new type of magnetic mine, of which three were recently salvaged intact by the British, mine-sweeping operations take on a somewhat more complicated aspect.

[Details of the magnetic mine, given in The Christian Science Monitor for Dec. 7, indicate that the mine lying on the ocean floor is actuated by a small coil-wound bar. A steel-hulled ship passing overhead acts as a permanent magnet, inducing a small current which makes the coil-wound bar operate as an electromagnet, releasing the firing device.]

Inasmuch as the magnetic mine is actuated by steel-hulled ships, wooden craft are the first requisite for the new mine-sweeping operations.

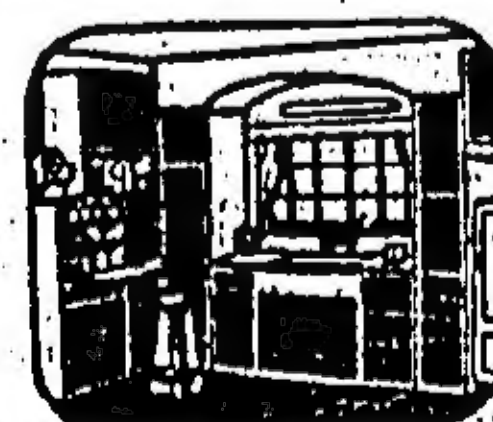
One possible scheme would be to blow the mines up by dragging a magnetized sweep over them. This would require two wooden-hulled trawlers travelling at a suitable distance apart. From each ship would extend a line, held below the surface at the proper distance by a so-called paravane or "kite"—a device equipped with vanes which, when in motion in the water, tends to pull below the surface.

Between the two kites would be a sweep of heavy wire rope, or one-inch chain, suitably wired for being magnetized electrically. The kites could be set so that the sweep would clear the bottom and be towed well astern of the two light-draft sweepers.

If necessary, floats could be employed to take up the sag which might result from the heavy sweep, extending any distance between the kites, and tending to pull the kites together. The toll in ruined sweeps would be high, but a plentiful supply of spares would keep the sweepers going.

Meanwhile, it will be interesting to learn how Britain recovered specimens of the German magnetic mines. Having no buoyancy, these mines could not have drifted ashore or have been swept up by conventional means. The only alternative method appears to have been to send a diver down to locate one of the mines and devise a means of hoisting it out of the water.

Such an operation would obviously require great risks both on the part of the diver and on the part of those engaged in hoisting and transporting the mine to shore. Moreover, the entire procedure constitutes a most delicate operation.



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# She Was Robbed, Arrested As Spy, Went Foodless

Sunday Express Special Representative NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Priscilla Pritchard walked into the Sunday Express offices yesterday penniless and worried by a debt of £40 to the British Foreign Office. It meant much more to her than her nightmare journey from Poland, which started at the beginning of September and had just come to an end.

Her mother, a doctor's semi-invalid widow living on a small farm at Ulverston, Lancashire, had no news of her after the German invasion until Priscilla reached Kaunas, in Lithuania, on November 2. She had been reported dead.

Miss Pritchard had lived in Warsaw since 1938 as companion to a wealthy Polish woman. When the German invasion began she decided to get back to England at once and, on September 2, the day before Britain declared war, she obtained the visa which would allow her to leave for Latvia.

Here is the rest of her story, as she told it to me:—

### Two Days' Wait

"It was September 5 before I got the ticket to take me on the train to Vilna. But the train did not leave for two whole days, during which I sat on my cases at the station."

"While waiting in the station crowds I was robbed of my wallet, containing 120 zlotys, and my ticket. I had to buy another ticket, and started the journey with only 120 zlotys."

"In three days the train travelled only forty miles. On the third day we had our first bite of food."

"The only time we were free from the dread of the bombs was at night. We had bombing all through the day every ten minutes or so. Occasionally we had a respite of half an hour."

"It got so bad on the third day that we got out of the train to walk. The German planes came skimming the top of the train."

"About twenty of us hid in a small wood, between Minsk and Siedlce. The German observers must have seen us, and down they swooped. I will never forget one little boy. He was about twelve years old. He ran out from his cover, and was killed by machine-gun bullets. He was not the only one."

"We set out to walk to Siedlce, about four miles away. When we arrived the town was in flames."

"So we started to walk from Siedlce to Brezse, a distance of about twenty miles."

"At Brezse came the German bombers again. The people were fleeing. I left at three in the morning."

"After that we progressed as far as Lwow. It was so near freedom I wept. But the Germans had arrived before us, and bit by bit we fell back to Brezse until the Russians arrived."

"I had been travelling with two officers named Ludvik and Edward."

"At Brezse Ludvik found some of his friends, and they gave us food and shelter. Here, outside a little Catholic church, he proposed to me."

"Friends of Ludvik gave me money for a ticket to Vilna. At Vilna I was arrested as a spy. When the Lithuanians arrived there—I think it was October 31—I was allowed to go. The British consul at Kaunas arranged for my ticket home."

## Interport XV Beat Rest

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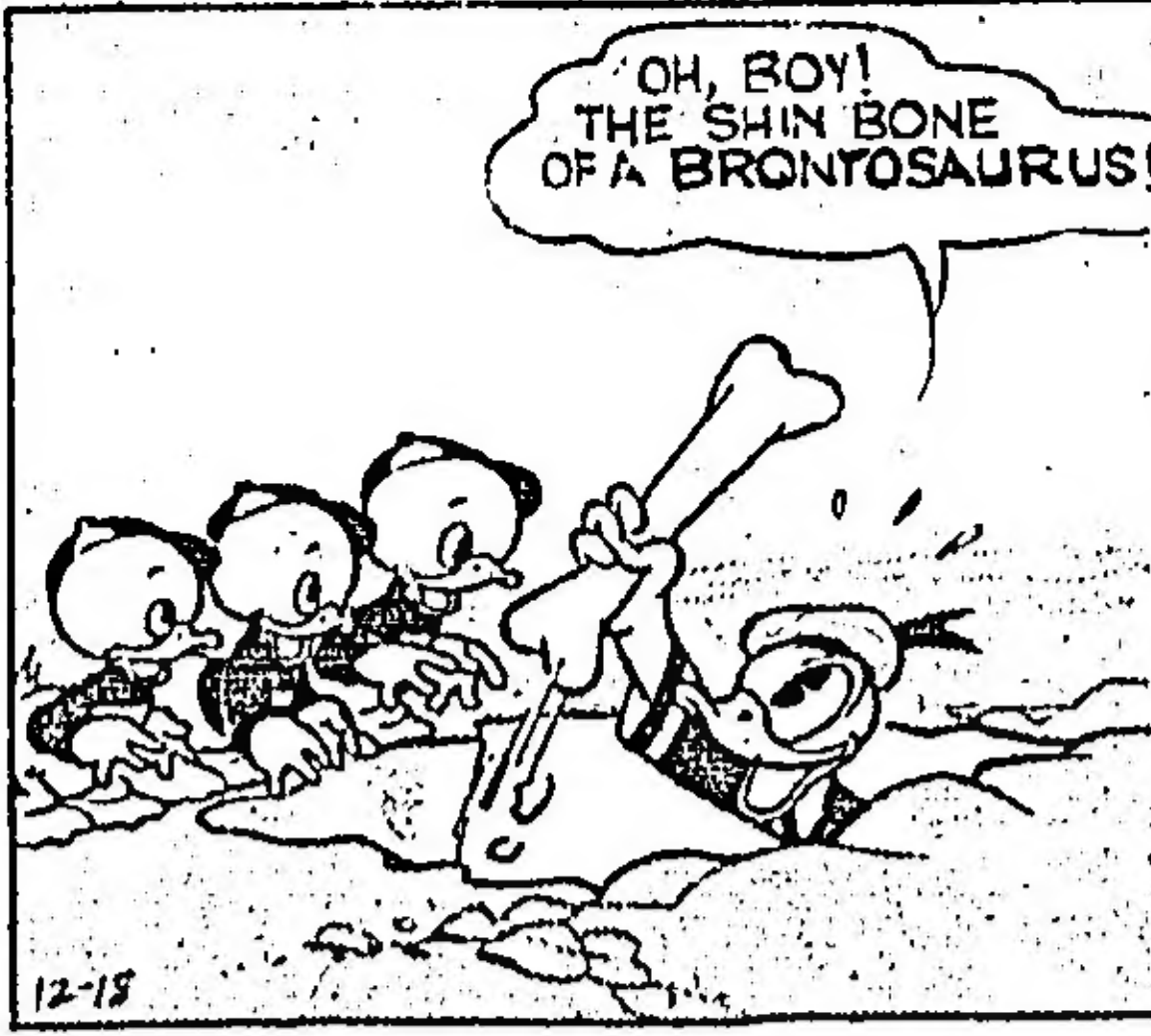
Rutherford gave a good service from the scrum. Roscoe, at fullback, was kept busy having generally to do the opposing on the wing to make the opposing. The Rest did not score was due to good tackling by the full-back.

Roe was a steady full-back for the Rest. Bowden, Jackson and Burrell played well in a three-quarter line which was put out of gear frequently by a faulty stand-off half. Foley worked hard at scrum-half. Among the forwards, Ferris, Miller, Dempsey and Sheldrake caught the eye occasionally.

Foley scored for the Rest near the flag. With a magnificent kick Burrell converted. After hitting an upright with a free-kick, McInnes later kicked a penalty goal to obtain three points for Club.



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NURSE ASHLEY went off duty at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, to become for twenty-four hours the Hon. Mrs. R. M. C. Ashley, at her home, The Hall, Six-Mile Bottom, near New-market, which stands in 8,000 acres of shooting ground.

For the woman who, at her wedding in 1927 was known as “the £70,000-a-year bride,” is rapidly forgetting her society life in the joy which stern hospital discipline and hard work have brought to her.

Yesterday, for instance, she did not throw a cocktail party to celebrate her leave.

Instead she threw open The Hall to the villagers and ran a wheel drive to raise money for comforts for the troops.

### Qualified

Her hands are roughened with work. There is no polish on her nails, no make-up on her face.

“But I like it,” she said. “I am really happy in my job.”

“I detest the idea of playing at nursing as some society women do. I scrub floors, make beds, and hold sick heads. And I have been in attendance at fourteen operations.”

“I have qualified as a junior probationer nurse. In the hospital most of them only know me as Nurse Ashley. That is as it should be. One day when I appeared with a little lipstick on matron told me to go and wash my face. She was quite right. I never did it again.”

“None of us knows how we shall live when this war is over. I feel I must have a profession at my finger tips. It is my duty to become a useful citizen.”

### Like Waterloo

“Since war started my house has been like Waterloo Station. People are coming and going all the time. I gave up half the house to twenty-four evacuees, ten mothers and fourteen children. Although the children had fifteen hundred acres of garden and park land to play in, they used to go down and play on the road.”

“Poor things! They were homesick for the traffic, so back they all went, saying ‘Thank you for a nice holiday.’”

But she didn't tell me that the whole village loved her, that they feel she is doing her job well, making the villagers and their comfort and problems her first consideration.

She didn't tell me that at a soldiers' camp a mile away they get dozens of cakes and pies sent up every week from her kitchens.

### Doing Her Bit

She didn't tell me either about the two shooting brakes she had given to be made into ambulances, nor mention that after hard days at the hospital she runs weekly socials and dances to provide comforts for the troops. She has given up one room of her house to the village women, where they meet and knit socks and woollens for the soldiers. If she is there she joins them.

Down at The Green Man in the village the publican, Mr. Gardner, smiles with pride at the mention of her name.

“She's a lovely lady,” he said, “and certainly doing her share to win the war. I've known her since she was so high.”

And Mrs. Gardner added, “She is a grand woman. Although she is often worn out after a day's nursing, she always has a happy smile for us, and she can't do too much for us or for the soldiers.”

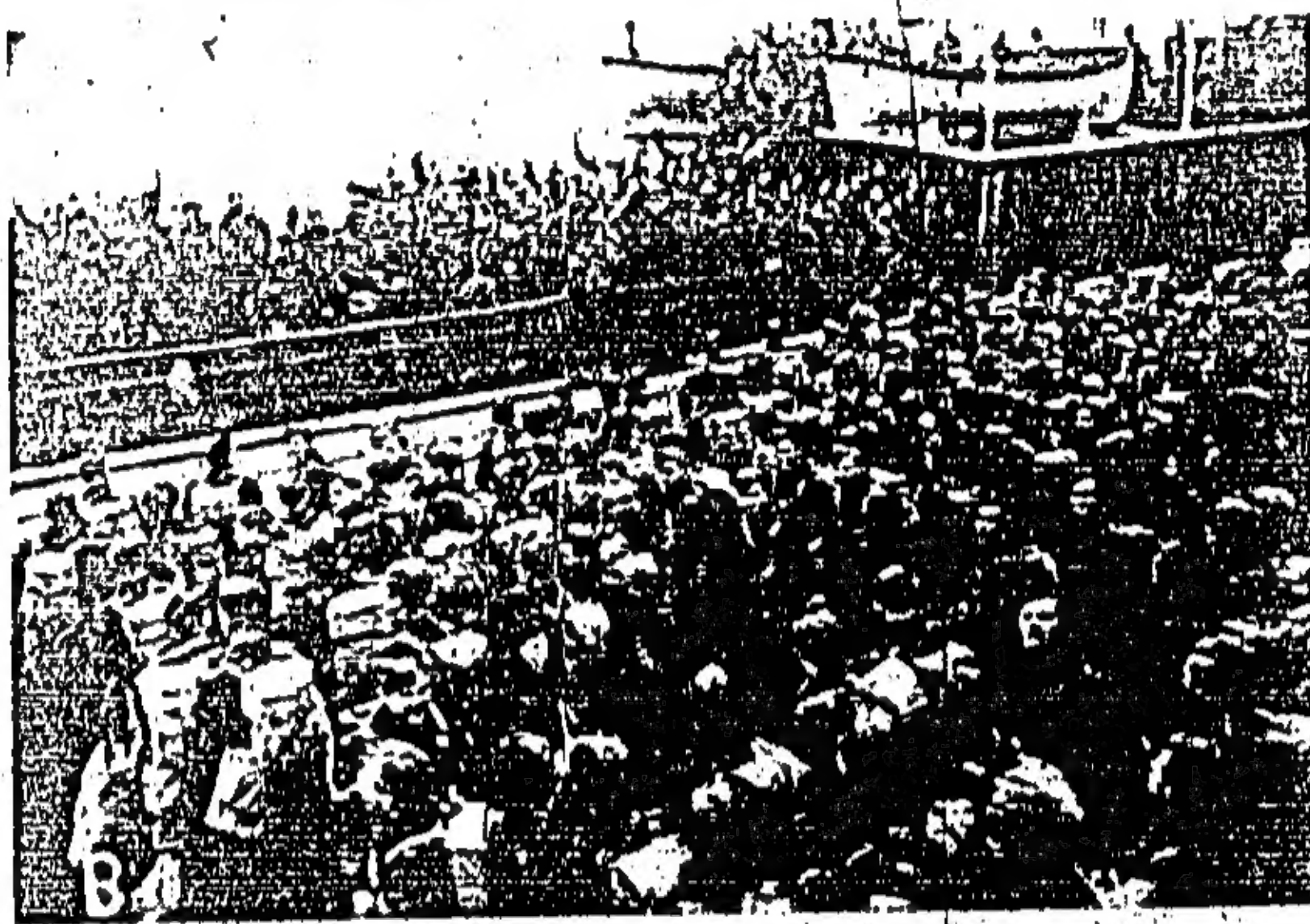
### Hard Work

Society friends are amazed at the whole-hearted way in which she has gone into this job of hard work of the type she has never done before.

They remember her as daughter of the first Baron Mount Temple, sister of Lady Louis Mountbatten; as wife (until the marriage was dissolved this year) of Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, M.P. for St. Marylebone, who taught the King and the Duke of Windsor to fly.

But Nurse Ashley, unlike her friends, is not reminiscing. She is looking forward to the day when she will have won for herself somewhere the position of matron.

## CANADIANS IN ENGLAND



CANADIAN TROOPS landing “Somewhere in England” for the first time in 32 years. They were the first overseas forces to arrive.

## 1898 KILLER LEFT FORTUNE

SAN FRANCISCO (UP).—If Barney the cook is still alive, a fortune awaits him, and he need have no fear that he will be tried for a killing 42 years ago.

Barney, the cook, whose name was either Owen Kenney or Eugene Kenney, has not been seen since he ran from a San Francisco court room 33 years ago just before he was freed on a writ of habeas corpus because records connecting him with the slaying of Patrick Dolan had been destroyed in the earthquake and fire.

H. H. McPike, former United States Attorney, revealed that Barney's brother had died and left blocks of real estate in New York and Brooklyn.

McPike recalled that in 1897 Barney killed Dolan. He charged Dolan, a bartender, had robbed him of \$2,000.

Barney was sent to the State Hospital for the Insane and in 1906 he was pronounced cured and returned to San Francisco for trial on the murder charge.

## FILM STRIKE OFF

Hollywood film studio workers have been granted wage increases and the strike will not take place. This was announced by the workers' representatives.

## Armed Robberies

Two armed robberies in villages on the outskirts of Kowloon were reported to the Police yesterday.

Six or seven men armed with revolvers entered a shop at 46 Ngau Tau Koi village on Saturday night. They held up the master, Man Mun, 41, and ransacked the premises, taking \$32 and a quantity of cigarettes.

Violence was used by a gang of three men who entered a house occupied by Tse Shum, 36, vegetable gardener, in Kong Pau Tin village about 1 a.m. yesterday. One of the robbers produced a revolver and kept Tse covered while the other two attempted to tie him up.

Tse struggled, and was hit on the face and head with poles. The armed man opened fire, but did not hit anyone. With Tse lying disabled on the ground, the robbers ransacked the house and decamped. Tse was taken to the Kowloon Hospital by neighbours.

## JUDGE ASKED FOR QUICK MERCY

FORTY-EIGHT hours after Winifred Mary Watts, unmarried mother, had been sentenced to death, she was relieved.

Winifred Watts lived in the village of Ashill, near Ilminster, in Somerset. She loved a man and hoped that before long they would be married. She was nineteen.

After her baby son was born, Winifred Watts went on loving and hoping for five more months.

Then she learned that her hopes were vain. The man was married already. So she killed her baby.

When her story was told at Taunton Assizes the jury found Winifred Watts guilty of murder. They strongly recommended her to mercy.

Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson said quietly: “There is only one sentence.” He hid his face as he pronounced the words of death.

Then he said:—

“I sincerely hope that those whose duty it is to exercise mercy will feel able to do so very speedily in your case.”

## Defendant Weds Plaintiff

YUBA CITY, Cal. (UP).—Less than 10 minutes after Judge H. D. Moncur gave Mrs. Clem Ayers, 25, a six-months suspended sentence for disturbing the peace, he married her to Fred Conklin, 47—the complaining witness.

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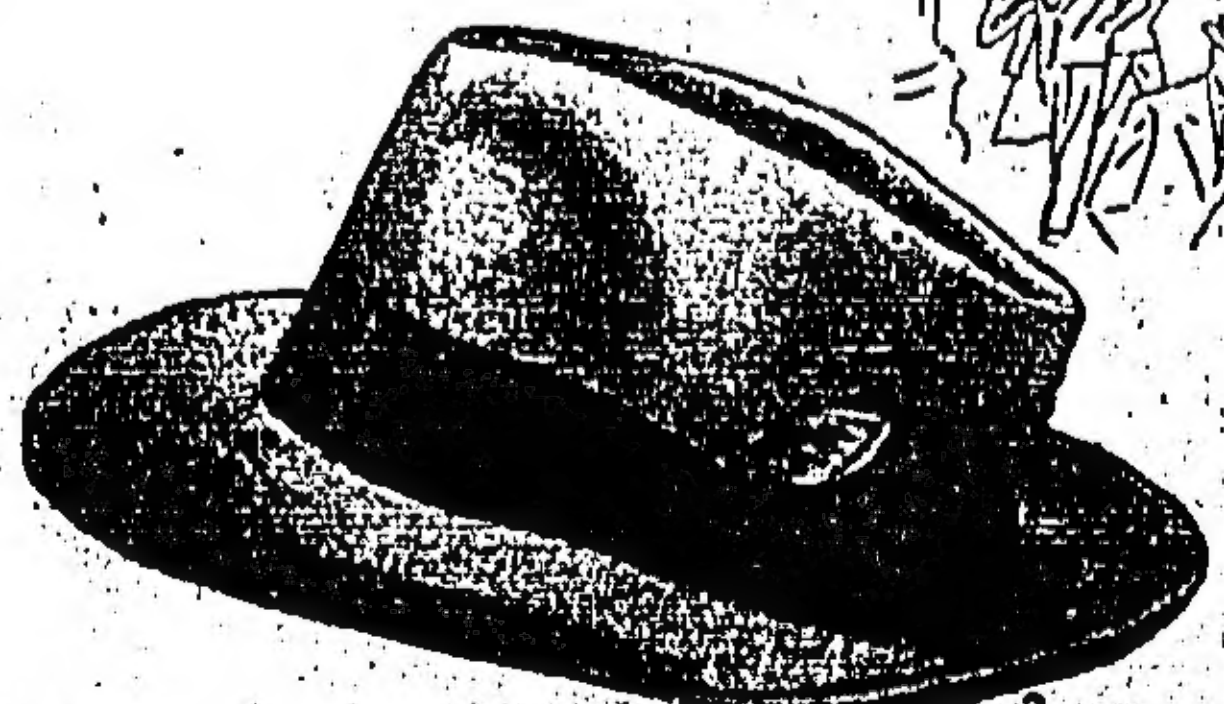


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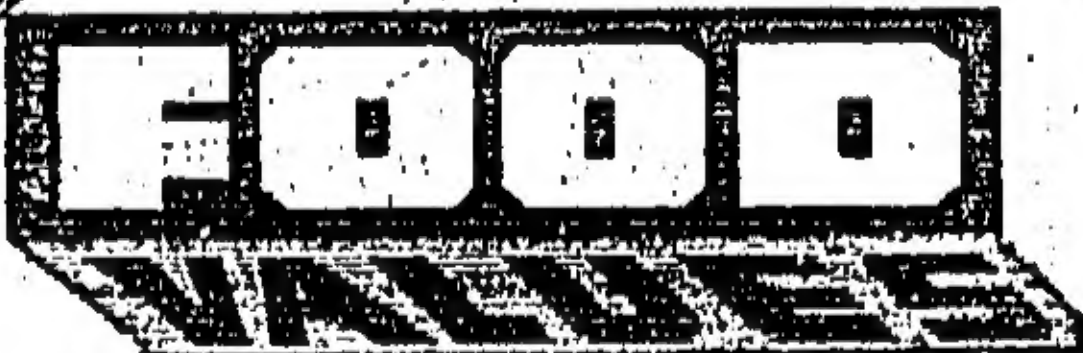
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TIME BOMB!

# WHAT THEY ARE THINKING IN ITALY

ROME.  
FORTY-FOUR MIL-  
LION Italians have  
ringside seats, enscon-  
ced behind the bulwarks of  
the Alps, watching the Eu-  
ropean war. They are fear-  
ful of what the future will  
bring.

Mussolini's recent messages  
have caused widespread relief,  
in spite of official cold douches  
from London and Paris, and  
hopes that the nations will sit  
down at a conference to discuss  
European life are still advanced.

The Duce's efforts to consoli-  
date a Southern European peace  
bloc are followed with keen in-  
terest. His first success, scored  
with Greece, and the conversa-  
tions now proceeding with Yugo-  
Slavia are hopeful signs that the  
Duce's dream of a united South-  
ern European peace front is still  
maturing. Bulgaria is consid-  
ered a good ally, linked by  
marriage to Italy's royal house,  
while Hungary is a proven  
friend.

Rumania's position is uncer-  
tain, but the Italian forecast,  
following the Soviet's move  
along her border, is that Ru-  
mania will veer under Italy's  
wing. Reports of the with-  
drawal of Italian troops concen-  
trated in the Dodecanese, which  
were relayed from London, are  
evidence of a gesture towards  
Turkey and of the Duce's peace-  
ful thrust in Southern Europe  
continuing.

The results of the Turkish  
Foreign Minister's Moscow visit  
are followed keenly.

The certainty of Italian  
neutrality has kept Turkey at  
bay and it is felt that Ciano has  
played the first move on the  
Southern European chessboard  
brilliantly. Practical Italians  
foresee fruitful exchanges of  
raw materials between Italy and  
the Balkans now that the Nazis  
are busy fighting.

Unhindered sea communi-  
cations offer an excellent way of

of the larger impulses that moved  
the Napoleons. The traditions to  
which he reverts are not those of  
Roman but of Oriental empire. That  
is why the struggle on which we are  
engaged to-day, and the constructive  
efforts on which we hope to be  
engaged to-morrow, have for their  
object the defence of the most  
elementary of the rights of man.

reviving the anaemic ports of  
Fiume and Trieste for com-  
munications with the Balkans.  
The Balkans have many mate-  
rials which Italy can buy in  
exchange for machinery and  
manufactured articles.

A typical comment on Russia  
of the Italian man-in-the-street,  
who is poring over maps dis-  
played in shop windows showing  
the Russian gains, is:  
"Well, Russia seems to be  
doing well. Chi ci capisce whis-  
pering campaign unparalleled

By B. Mackenzie  
News Chronicle Rome Correspondent

niente? (who understands any-  
thing about it?)

Russia's entry into Axis high  
society is a blow and raises many  
questions. Italians do not  
understand why Britain and  
France have not helped Poland.

German propaganda is  
stressed. The distribution of  
pamphlets by British bombers  
is considered childish by Italians  
relentlessly curbed.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Gad! I wish I was only six years old and had only a dollar  
to spend!"

What of the future? Italians  
are philosophical, for the present  
neutrality is assured for at least  
one month. But the question is:  
"What happens if Hitler calls?"  
That the Pope and the Duce are  
working for peace is comforting,  
but an ominous sign is seen in  
recent broadcasts extolling the  
valour of the heroes of the last  
war. A.R.P. instructions are  
especially broadcast in the lunch-  
hour telling how one should deal  
with gas-bombs and burning  
lofts, and so on, and how to  
economise in fats and food.

While she is striving to  
increase her foreign trade with  
a save and sell campaign, Italy  
appears to be taking no chances.  
A modest Italian woman asked  
me: "Why do nations scrap  
like women in a back court when  
a mutual interchange of deficient  
materials would solve all their  
difficulties?"

There is a widespread feeling  
of sympathy with Poland and  
respect for the valour of the  
Polish troops, but in the view  
of practical observers Poland  
would have benefited by climb-  
ing down to the German  
demands, as is evidenced by  
the present result of the war.

In the meantime Italy is very  
busy concerning on tightening  
her belt still further—a practice  
indulged in since the beginning  
of the Abyssinian campaign.

Life here has been revolution-  
ised. We are short of coffee  
and young men are unable to  
take their best girls for a Sunday  
drive. Private cars are allowed  
only for the "national interest."  
The platinum blondes are barred  
from their moonlit car drives.

The nation is calm, but there  
is a general feeling of uneasiness  
about what the future holds.  
There is a widespread impression  
that every day out of war profits  
the nation as a whole, and that  
time may find a solution which  
will not involve the Italians and  
will cure the world once and for  
all of its present ills.

Meanwhile the man in the  
street congregates round the  
wireless sets to hear the latest  
bulletins from the Western  
Front. He is very curious to  
know how the impregnable  
Maginot and Siegfried barriers  
can be pierced.







# MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

## COMBINED CHINESE DEFAT INTERPORT XV WIN CIVILIANS 4-2

(By "Rox")

OUTSTANDING FEATURES of a very interesting game were the totally unexpected fight put up by the Civilian team, the complete domination by A. V. Gosano over Chan Tak-fai and Lee Wai-tong, and two surprise goals by Hau Ching-to which gained for the Chinese their four goals to two victory over the Civilians in the second round of the Lai Wah Cup at Causeway Bay yesterday.

### Taylor And Forrow In Excellent Form

Taylor, the Police custodian, was to the fore with a splendid performance, his great height and length of reach disconcerting the Chinese attackers no end.

This match had an added interest in that Forrow gave a brilliant exhibition at inside left and should provide a solution as to the final composition of the Interport side to meet Shanghai.

Taylor used his great height and length of reach to good advantage, saving shots from Lee, Fung and Chan which an ordinary goal-keeper would have found beyond his reach. He also caused a small amount of amusement by picking the ball from almost the heads of the Chinese attackers without having to jump for it.

Blackburn was a tower of strength in the back-line, clearing timely and strongly. Bone was slightly off colour, and, but for the timely covering and intercepting of Blackburn, the Civilians might have had a larger score to reduce.

A. V. Gosano was at the peak of his form and covered Lee Wai-tong and Chan Tak-fai so well that they had hardly a chance to score. In the second half he even included Fung King-cheong in his thrumming and bottled up the Chinese attack. His wing-half, Maxwell and Hon-niball supported him well. Hon-niball was the better of the two considering he had to cope with wily Fung and a lack of support from Bone threw an added burden on his shoulders. Maxwell found Hau Ching-to too fast for him, but intercepted finely throughout.

#### A SUBSTITUTE

AN INJURY to Fowler on Saturday incapacitated him from playing and he was substituted by Kung-jahn, a third division player who, nevertheless, gave a good account of himself, his closing-in resulting in a goal for the Civilians. He was dominated by Lee Wai-tong, and Soong Ling-seng spoiled much of his work. Pryde gave another fine performance in the inside right berth. With more experience this player will make a mark in local soccer. His perception of the right moves, stamping him as a schemer in the making. What he lacks in height he makes up for in excellent ball control, body swerve and a good turn of speed.

B. Gosano was a trier, but I think he should realise he is not fitted for that position. He has not the speed, dash and control but something is lacking in his make-up as a centre-forward. Forrow vied with Pryde for honours in the forward line. His headwork and passes were perfect. He worked for Blackburn and helped that player to attain that peak for which he received acknowledgment of being the best left winger in the Colony.

#### GREAT PERFORMANCE

CHEUNG WING-CHOI gave a magnificent performance for the Chinese. To him goes major part of the credit for saving the day for the Chinese. He pulled off several magnificent saves in fine style in spite of the fact that he was very often hard pressed and harassed by the Civilian forwards.

Lee Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai defended well. Although playing at variance to each other they managed to keep a semblance of co-ordination. Their spilling work was below par but their clearances were not the least haphazard, finding their men most times.

The halves worked well but for Leung Wing-chiu who appeared disoriented. Hui King-seng gave another excellent performance at pivot. He had the full measure of Bertie and checked him well. He was equally at home in attack and defence and did much to get the forwards going. Soon Ling-seng gave excellent support and covered him nicely. Leung Wing-chiu controlled his attention on Forrow, meanwhile keeping his eye on Blackburn whom he allowed to elude time and again through his lack of speed.

The forwards were seen to advantage as a unit only in patches. The inside trio of Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-cheong and Lee Wai-tong tried to combine but when their attempts were frustrated swung the ball to the wing men who were the

#### HOW TEAMS FARED

Lai Wah Cup	
Army	5 Navy
C. Chinese	4 Civilians
Senior Shield First Round Replay	
Club	0 Royal Scots
First Division	
Kwong Wah	1 St. Joseph's
Kowloon	1 S. China "B"
Second Division "A"	
South China	2 5th R.A.
Second Division "B"	
R.A.F.	- University
(Postponed)	
Third Division	
Signals	2 Royal Scots
South China	1 Engineers
R.A.M.C.	1 Klumans
15th R.A.	5 International
5th R.A.	0 24th R.A.
Friendly Match	
Police	0 Referees
Police	7 Reserves

real attackers. Hau Ching-to, despite his two goals was not better than Chung Yung-sum who gave a great display. His fine run down the field and beautiful centres was the occasion for an outburst from the crowds which packed the stands.

#### THE KICK-OFF

CIVILIANS kicked off against a stiff wind and their initial attack provided some anxious moments for the Chinese supporters. Chinese brought the ball into the Civilian area and Taylor saved from Fung. Minutes later Chinese again attacked, Taylor saving this time from Chan and again from Lee, both times utilising one hand in stopping. Civilians attacked and Forrow's passing was cleared by Lee Tin-sang. Blackburn sent in some lovely snags, cutters which caused Cheung at goal no end of trouble saving them. The Chinese now pressed hard for the lead. A. V. cleared from a partial clearance by Blackburn. Blackburn again stopped a certain goal as the ball bounding off his head behind the posts.

From the corner there was a mad scramble for the ball and Lee pushed in with Taylor completely covered by his own and the opposition's players.

Civilians pressed for the equaliser, in one of their raids Blackburn was hurt. There was lull until Chinese took the initiative and Chung was sent down the wing with a fine pass from Fung. His centre was headed in by Chan, the ball spinning out of the grasp of Taylor into the net.

#### CIVILIANS ATTACK

UNDAUNTED the Civilian returned to the attack, Blackburn sent in a perfect centre right in the goalmouth for Cheung to fist it out. Pryde gained possession of the ball and first-time, the ball scraped the upright and glanced into the net. This score stood till half time with much mid field play.

The second half opened with the Civilian attacking strongly putting the Chinese on the defensive. The Chinese broke away, Fung sent down the wing with a fine pass from Fung. His centre was headed in by Chan, the ball spinning out of the grasp of Taylor into the net.

GOALS were missed by all the forwards. Forrow picked up a loose ball in mid-field and sent Blackburn off with a nice pass. Blackburn turned passed to Forrow who finished it goalwards. Cheung just getting his hand to it, but Rung-jahn, emulating

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

### Champions' Farewell To Shield?

#### SECOND DEFEAT IN TWO WEEKS

To all intents and purposes the K.C.C. have said farewell to the junior cricket championship, which they won last year, as a result of their second defeat of the season on Saturday.

Reproducing form almost identical to that which lost them three points at Craigengower the week before, the K.C.C. lost to the Army on the Cox's Road ground by 71 runs.

K.C.C. again committed fielding errors which proved expensive, but it was in batting that they chiefly disappointed their supporters. Against a steady, but by no means exceptional attack, the junior champions shaped as though every ball held disguised terrors. This made a striking contrast to the staid, confident showing of the Army batsmen, who treated the bowling strictly on its merits, anything off the wicket being punished accordingly.

The third wicket partnership of 120 between Patterson and Man was a particularly good effort, but it was exasperating for the K.C.C. to remember afterwards that Patterson should have been caught quite comfortably off a cocked-up shot to leg after he had scored a single. Thereafter he made no mistakes, and ambled along steadily towards his half-century.

#### MAN MORE AGGRESSIVE

Man was much more aggressive and rapidly overhauled his partner. He might have been run out in his first over but for a wild throw in to the wicket. When in his fifties he gave chances in the deep which were not accepted. Nevertheless it was a noteworthy effort against bowling which was extremely steady in the earlier stages of the innings.

Luke in his first spell had the batsmen tied down, and Taylor was also difficult to get away until he tired, and then he was hit for four fours in one over.

The Army took two full hours to score their 100 for 5 declared, and only in the middle of the innings did the batsmen really get on top of the bowling.

With memories of last year's match when at Sookunpoo the K.C.C. scored 200 in an hour and three-quarters to win the match, the champions felt that the task of scoring 170 in about the same time was by no means impossible.

The early dismissal of Lay and Mulcahy at the same total, soon placed the home side strictly on the defensive. Fergus had Lay brilliant, caught in the slips off a hard cut and Ratcliffe lured Mulcahy into a false stroke.

Baxter, stayed a while, while others lost their wickets cheaply, and then he "had a go" at Paul's slow off-spinners and was bowled neck and crop.

#### SIX MINUTES TO SPARE

Goodman, playing the ball firmly, with middle of the bat looked capable of staying for all time, and there appeared a chance of the Army being denied three deserved points when he and Luke were defending.

Then Luke had a dip and was bowled and Goodman, in attempting to steal the bowling was "stumped". Army won with about six minutes to spare.

The Army bowlers made most of their opportunities. The change bowlers were brought on just at the right time, and when the last two trundlers were needed, the opening batsmen were put back and accomplished their expected task. Nevertheless, K.C.C. batting was decidedly supine and it appears that the middle men have become so used to seeing Mulcahy, Lay and Goodman knock off the bowlers, that they are no longer capable of pulling the side together after a bad start.

#### Women's Tennis

### MRS. LITTON DEFEATS MRS. CHIU FOR COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

THE COLONY WOMEN'S singles tennis championship was won by Mrs. Litton who easily beat Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu by 6-0, 6-1 at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday.

Steady all round and relieving practically everything that came across the net, Mrs. Litton dropped very few points against an opponent who was playing well below her usual league and tournament form.

Mrs. Chiu's service was perhaps her strongest point, and occasionally she sent over some splendid forehand drives to the corners of the court, but against a rock-like steadiness she gradually deteriorated and eventually faded out.

Mrs. Litton previously won the title in 1930-31-32, the women's doubles championship with Mrs. R. E. Tottenham in 1931-32 and the mixed doubles with her brother, M. W. Lo, in 1929, 1930 and 1932.

#### Australian Tennis Titles

SYDNEY, Jan. 27 (Reuter)—Jack Crawford defeated John Bromwich, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 in the semi-final of the Australian singles tennis championships. In the other semi-final, Adrian Quist beat Vivian McGrath, 6-4, 10-8, 6-3.

Results of the women's semi-finals were: Miss Thelma Coyne beat Mrs. Hopman, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Miss Nancy Wynne beat Miss Joan Hartigan, 6-0, 3-6, 6-1. The men's doubles final was won by Bromwich and Quist, who beat Crawford and McGrath, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1. The women's doubles final went to Miss Wynne and Miss Coyne, who defeated Miss Hartigan and Miss Nemever, 7-5, 6-1.

### Lucky Sweep Tickets At Macao

Sweep results on yesterday's races at Macao were:

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Rate No. 2	
No. 186	\$113.40
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos. 272, 273	16.20
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No. 565	\$122.00
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos. 107, 270	16.20
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No. 553	123.00
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Rate No. 5	
No. 555	\$119.20
Unplaced pony (\$15) No. 06	45.20
Rate No. 6	
No. 552	\$121.00
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos. 014, 246	45.00

### Japanese Enthusiasm For "Sumo"

TOKYO, Jan. 31 (Domel)—With the vast Kōshōkan wrestling arena packed to capacity by 16,000 of "sumo" enthusiasts who braved sub-zero weather, preliminaries of the Spring Sumo Tournament got under way here at 8 o'clock this morning. As thousands jammed the approaches to the arena by noon yesterday, the gates were opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, a record in early openings. Four hours later, the "House Full" sign was hung out. Because of the bitterly cold weather, the spectators came equipped with blankets and other clothing in order to keep warm in the vast unheated arena. As usual food and drink were brought by the enthusiasts, who settled down for a long wait.

Gen. Taka Hishikari, president of the Loyalty Memorial Association, to which the opening day's gate proceeds were dedicated made an address thanking the audience. Tickets sold at 50 sen.

### Rest Of The Colony Defeated By One Point

(By "Fly-half")

THE COLONY INTERPORT XV just gained the day over the Rest of the Colony by one point in their rugby match at Sookunpoo on Saturday; the actual score being 6 points (two tries) to a 5 (a goal). Both teams missed what appeared to be certain scoring opportunities through selfishness or over-eagerness, but as the chances missed were equally divided they had little bearing on the score.

The Colony side appeared to keep themselves in reserve, and in view of the near sailing date they adopted a sane policy, especially as the ground, in addition, was hard. Hutchinson's inability to play owing to pressure of work, and Bosanquet's absence due to an injury which he is still nursing, considerably changed the effectiveness of the three-quarters.

Although Van Leeuwen and Carruthers, who deputised, played reasonably well, they were not up to the standard of the absentees. Stewart and Bidwell did well to score, and it was by them that Club's scores were made. Henderson, at full-back, was cool, but a little inclined to take his chance with the bounce of the ball before gathering. The halves, Charter and Thomson, played well and hard throughout, Charter surprised everyone by his buying of Bos's dummies. Thomson gave a good service from the scrum, and kept well up with play in the loose. He had a great tackle of D. H. Taylor out in the open, when the full-back was making his way.

CLUB FORWARDS kept their end up despite losing the push. Costleton, who played instead of Salter who is at Camp, did well to get the ball back as often as he did. The Interport side have nothing to fear in the lineouts with Walsden, Godfrey and Taylor in their present form.

Encouraged by their success last week with wheels, Club were inclined to overdo it on Saturday. Redman and Godfrey were a hard-working pair of wing forwards. Godfrey was badly at fault once when he tried to batter his way past Taylor instead of being out to one of the three men, who were outside him and up with the play.

Taylor again gave a polished display of fielding and kicking but still prefers to collar his man instead of tackling him. Kennedy had a fair margin of success in his marking of Stewart. Stevens was a disappointment (suffering from a shoulder injury) had little difficulty in holding Carruthers, but could not in turn get through. Richards and Van Leeuwen neutralised each other's play.

IN RAMPANT FORM BOE, brought in at the last moment in place of Hook, was in rampant

form, and had Charter, his vis-a-vis, going away from him by use of the dummy on several occasions. Unfortunately they came when least expected, and he found himself unsupported. Luscombe, at scrum-half, was too well marked to give him one opportunity of breaking away from the scrum. His service from the scrum connected with the outside, night.

Up forward, the Rest were best served by Taylor (Navy), Wright-Nooth, Pinkerton and Cuthbertson. All the scoring was done in the second half when Stevens went over for the Rest for a try, which was converted by himself. Near the end two swift tries scored by Stewart, following good play between Bidwell and Stewart, gave the Interporters victory. Costleton and then Henderson failed to convert.

#### Club "A" Defeated

A TEAM, MAINLY RECRUITED just prior to the kick-off and styled the Rest of the Colony "A" defeated Club "A" by the narrow margin of 5 points (a goal) to 3 (a try and a goal).

Interest in this game rested mainly on the display of two newcomers to Colony rugby, both having played in first class rugby in Scotland. Miller, a Heriot's E. P. player, who has played in Edinburgh in Scottish Inter-City trials, turned out for the Rest "A" at forward. He was obviously harassed by lack of training, having just come off a trooper. He was seen to best advantage in the lineouts, for which department he is well suited having great height.

The other is McRae, a brother of the Scottish International, and like his brother, a former St. Andrew's University player. He was prominent in Saturday's game in the lineouts and feet rushes. Having been at Rugby for a year, he has been out of tempo for a season. Club lost Nelson, in the first half owing to a broken clavicle, sustained in a tackle. With a man short in the three-line it was surprising that no forward was not sent back. However, even then, Kennedy had a fair margin of success in his marking of Stewart. Stevens was a disappointment (suffering from a shoulder injury) had little difficulty in holding Carruthers, but could not in turn get through. Richards and Van Leeuwen neutralised each other's play.

A GOOD SHOW LEIGH, a forward normally, put up a good show at inside three-quarter, but lacked pace in attack. Kayville was the only other three to shine.

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### Jack Chaucer Wins Red Cross Steeplechase

Leopardstown, Eire, Jan. 27. Mr. H. L. Egan's Jack Chaucer won the Red Cross Steeplechase by two lengths from Sterling Duke. Knockedroelen was third, eight lengths behind. The betting was: Jack Chaucer 4-1, Sterling Duke 12-1, and Knockedroelen 20-1.

The race was held under the auspices of the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes. It was determined that the distribution of the sweepstake prizes would be mostly to points in Western Europe since there was not time to get the tickets over-sea—United Press.

Reiter says there were 22 starters.

### Badminton Assn: Meeting

BADMINTON club secretaries are reminded that a meeting of the Badminton Association Council will be held to-morrow (Tuesday) in the S. C. M. Post boardroom at 5.30. Principal business will be to discuss the current season's Colony championships, and a full attendance of club representatives is requested.



## BLACKOUT PIERCED BY NEW RAY

An "invisible light" for blackout cities and streets—claimed to be visible only in the path of a beam, but casting insufficient reflection to betray its presence—is being tried out by Netherlands authorities.

The new light, now being installed in cities of the Netherlands, and on some of the main highways, was invented by a Netherlands Army Intelligence officer, Captain J. Blikker.

It is claimed that difficulties arising from blackouts have been overcome to a large extent by the device, described as a strong beam of light which is thrown in one direction and can be seen from a horizontal direction only.

Military units are enabled by the light to move at high speed during the night, completely unseen by planes above, according to published accounts.

The light is adaptable for use in auto lights, to mark traffic routes and street corners, and portable equipment of the beam light is being used by the Netherlands Army Signal Corps.

## C.O.'S NOTES "IN CASE OF A SLIP"

ON THE YORKSHIRE COAST.

A PALL of smoke, a blinding sheet of flames, and the laconic remark, "Well, that's another gone," tell of one more Nazi mine robbed of its power to destroy.

A handful of naval men, expert at disabling Hitler's internal machines, are daily risking their lives in this work on the rugged Yorkshire coast.

For two days I have shared with a photographer the dangers of the naval crew.

A telephone shrills at their G.H.Q.

A mine has been sighted. The crew hurry away by car. Our quarry is sighted among the boulders of a peace-time haven of anglers.

Led by Lieut.-Commander R. B. Edwards, the crew set to work.

A rope fastened round the mine draws it into position for the removal of the brass plate at the base.

With infinite caution, the crew disable the mechanism. One slip of the hand would mean death for all within 500 yards.

Block by block 500lb. of grey-green high explosive are lowered out of the mine shaft to be broken up by hammer blows.

A fast look inside by Commander Edwards and then firelighters are inserted among the explosive and set light.

A thin wisp of smoke grows in volume until it darkens the sky and becomes suddenly transformed into a dazzling pyrotechnic display.

"That little lot," the Commander says, "had sufficient power to bring down 5,000 tons of cliff, or to lift your hat from your head at half a mile."

When a new type of mine is seen the crew leave it alone until the commander is called.

Along he approaches the mine. In a notebook he sketches every detail of the new monster, then writes down the steps he proposes to take to disable it, and hands the notebook to his men waiting beyond the danger zone.

"If I make a mistake," he says in the matter-of-fact way of the Navy, "the book is left to show where I went wrong."

## NAVY WANT SMALLER SHIPS

New 40,000-Tonnors Will Be Useless

THE fate of the Tacoma gives the war at sea pride of place in the news. The lists of naval honours remind us of those other longer lists of brave seamen who have fallen in our service.

The old spirit still splendidly dominates the Royal Navy. So, also, do some of the ideas. We are fighting this war with the battleships of the last war.

We have eleven 30,000-ton battleships, and three or four heavier battle-cruisers. All but two of the battleships (Nelson and Rodney, 1927) were completed in 1915-17. The latest battle-cruiser (Hood) was completed in 1920.

Five more battleships of the King George V. class will be completed next year. They are 35,000 tons and carry ten 14in. guns.

The keels are laid for four battleships of the Lion class. They will be 40,000 tons and carry 16in. guns, the heaviest afloat anywhere in the world. These craft will not be completed until 1943. This war will be over long before then.

I see no use for such great battleships. Against what possible enemy are we building them? About as well construct a Maginot Line along the Canada-United States frontier.

Not a bad place to put these 27,000-000 monsters would be the Great Lakes of Canada. No incident as we construct a Maginot Line along these lakes to sink them with a 23,000 torpedo.

The craft the Navy need primarily are destroyers. After that, fast cruisers. This type of building must have priority.

## RUSSIAN SUPPLY PROBLEM

Abnormal Strain On Railway

BY A MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

WITHOUT indulging in wishful thinking, it is interesting to consider, in the light of reported disturbances among the populace, some of the administrative problems that have to be dealt with by Russia's military staff and similar authorities in Leningrad.

There is, of course, the large civil population of the city to be fed and provided with fuel and other necessities, a problem that in normal times, according to all reports, is not very successfully dealt with. Presumably a good deal is supplied from stocks in the surrounding districts, but much must arrive by rail, particularly in the winter months, when the Gulf of Finland is frozen.

It is, I think, safe to assume that the normal civil population has not to any considerable extent been evacuated. It may even have been increased by an influx of labour to assist military organisations. When one superimposes on the normal population the army in the isthmus, which must mean an additional quarter to half a million mouths, the food question alone must be a serious problem.

Added to that the railways have to carry troop trains, munitions and other military stores. Their congestion must be great. Leningrad is obviously a bottleneck and the conflict in it of civil and military interests must be acute. It would need an administrator of genius to ensure a smooth-running organisation.

There are many questions one would like to ask. We hear of fresh troops in many thousands from central Russia and even from Siberia. But what happens to troops withdrawn from the front after failure and how are the wounded disposed of? Are they filling the hospitals of Leningrad? How are the railways standing up to abnormal traffic and how long will they function efficiently?

It is not only the isthmus battle that places a strain on Leningrad, for the Murmansk railway has its southern terminus there. Although it may not involve using each line's terminus, the railways leading to Leningrad must certainly carry troops and other trains destined for the Murmansk line. The succession of Finnish victories all along the eastern frontier must therefore affect the whole railway system which centres on Leningrad. The strain they throw on the Murmansk railway itself is obvious. Fresh troops will be needed and much lost material will require replacement in addition to enormous maintenance supplies.

One gathers that the Russians are making great use of motor transport with their forces on the eastern front. But how casualties in vehicles will be made good and how petrol supplies for continuous intensive working will be maintained it will be interesting to know. Greatly as I admire the gallantry and leadership of the Finns, I cannot help feeling that the measure of their success will depend to a great degree on the weakness or efficiency of Russian administrative services, which will be increasingly tested as the war goes on.

## 'SHOTLESS STRATEGY' KEEPS THEM GUESSING

BASLE. — The military strategists on the Western Front have not forgotten the old theory that the Walls of Jericho fell because trumpeters held their attention while the enemy attacked from the rear.

But in this modern war, there are whistles instead of trumpets, as both sides resort to their ingenuity to fool the other fellows.

Long after the French had abandoned the Varennet Forest last October, French scouts armed with officers' whistles kept the Germans guessing.

Later the same month, observers in Luxembourg noted long lines of trucks, presumably full of troops, moving away from the Moselle just the night before the Germans launched an attack that drove the French out of their hard-won positions between the Moselle and the Saar Rivers.

Always On The Watch

Wherever a neutral country lies close enough to a belligerent country to make it worth while for observers to come and see what they can see, the business of fooling the other fellow goes on.

German flat cars, loaded with pontoons such as an Army would have to use to get any considerable number of men across the Rhine, rolled extensively and slowly along a railroad in full view of the Swiss frontier in mid-October.

Up to that moment, the Rhine River frontier had been so quiet Swiss barmen were considering seriously asking both Paris and Berlin for permission to resume their business between the Maginot and Siegfried forts.

The day after those flat cars carried their pontoons past watchers on the Swiss side, French reinforcements arrived at Rhine River posts, and French observation planes buzzed across the river to see what was going on in Baden.

A Politic Warning

Another day the French, after giving German sentries a polite warning, blew up a footbridge over the Kembs Dam above Basel. That very night the Germans had reinforcements in the forts across the river from Kembs.

So far nothing has happened. The Germans have not used the pontoons, and the French haven't crossed the river.

Reports reaching Basle indicate most of the fooling is being done for the benefit of observation planes. There has been little bombing from the air, but much observing.

From the air, a long line of trucks still is a long line of trucks whether they are empty or full, so the allied forces have been sending many columns of trucks dashing about for the benefit of German observation planes.

The Germans have plenty of soldiers with time on their hands, and they are kept busy laying out mock air fields, complete with dummy planes, for the benefit of wandering allied observers.

Dummy tanks—farm wagons covered with painted canvas—are reported to have been built in Germany for the time when they may be useful in simulating concentration of forces.

## RATIONS FOR THE PALACE

ARRANGED BY THE QUEEN

THE King, the Queen, the Princesses, and other members of the Royal Family will eat only the normal ration of butter, bacon, and sugar from today (first day of rationing). They have been issued with "commercial travellers' cards," the same as those given to all people who have to move about the country.

The King insisted that this method be adopted, and that no special arrangements should be made.

The Queen has drawn up special menus which come into force in all the royal kitchens to-day. They drop two courses from both luncheon and dinner.

Orders have been given for more fruit and vegetables to be served. To meet this extra demand the gardens at Windsor Castle, which supply all the royal residences, are being considerably extended.

## Nurmi Drops Tour

HELSINGFORS. — Paavo Nurmi, famous Finnish runner who has been driving a truck in removing citizens from Helsingfors, said Dec. 12 he had abandoned plans to take Taisio Maki, currently Finland's outstanding distance runner, on a tour of the United States.

## Fritz Shows Off His Girl, Tries To Make The French Jealous

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.

SOMETHING white fluttered down out of the sky. It landed on the other side of the Rhine just in front of the house from which I could see peeping out of a square black window the round pink face of a German soldier keeping watch. The soldier did not bother to come out and pick up the white thing. He went on staring.

And then I saw why. Several white things were fluttering down towards us.

I put one that fell almost at my feet. It was a German leaflet. "French soldiers," it said to me, "you are wrong not to believe us that it was the English that dragged you into this war. Listen to what your great Napoleon said about them."

There followed some remarks about a nation of shopkeepers.

The sergeant saw me looking up for the airplane that was dropping the papers. "It's no use looking up there for the cuckoo that dropped that stuff. He flew over ten minutes ago. It always takes about ten minutes to come down."

Don't Shoot

Now these leaflet riders have been exceptionally busy these last few days over the French lines along the Rhine and behind it. It is part of a new intensified Hitler propaganda offensive trying on the old German game of splitting the French from the British, persuading the French soldier that he is bearing the brunt of this war alone, suffering alone in hardships and privations.

Where they are close enough to be heard as here on the Rhine they do their best with loudspeakers. They broadcast pro-French passages from Hitler's speeches, bits of invective against England from Schiller's "Joan of Arc," interlarding it all with the continual refrain, "We shan't shoot if you don't." They even do a spot of play-acting when the weather permits.

The sergeant told me about that.

Public Kiss

"They had one of their fellows out there the other day walking up and down the embankment bold as brass with a girl. He even kissed her. He was trying to make us jealous by suggesting that Fritz was allowed to have his girl up in the lines."

"Then yesterday the same man came on with a woman and a kid. The kid played around and shouted 'Papa' at the top of his voice. Same thing again. Well, we don't fall for it."

No, I do not think much of the effect of this Hitler propaganda on the French soldiers so far.

But then what else is poor old Daddy Adolf to do? Sitting quiet and dropping his bad line. He would be crazy to make an offensive.

## DEFLATION PLAN

Ration System For Japan Considered

Tokyo, Jan. 28. — Low price and deflation policies have been decided upon by the Government as a result of yesterday's Cabinet conference.

The low price policy will be specifically directed to rice, coal and fertilisers. Adequate measures are being taken to ensure increased production of these products which are vitally necessary for daily life and for industry.

Banning all transactions of dark exchanges and conducting a vigorous drive to encourage thrift, the Government also plans to ensure deflation of the currency.

The Government is studying the card system for daily necessities. The card system for rice and coal will be first studied, though some advocate the necessity of extending the system to wheat, barley, charcoal and soy.

The Government has decided to postpone establishment of the Trade Ministry planned by the Abe Cabinet, which caused the recent controversy with officers of the Foreign Office.

The products of agriculture, forestry and fishery in Japan in 1938 totalled in value Yen 5,000,130,000, an increase of 7 per cent over the preceding year, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry announced.

Agricultural products increased by four per cent, forestry products by 22 per cent, and fishery products by 15 per cent over the preceding year.

Speech By Premier. The contents of the speech by the Premier, Admiral Yonai at the Diet on February 1, will be approved by the Cabinet Council on Monday. He will stress the necessity of a complete settlement of the China Affair and reaffirm the Japanese Government's full co-operation with the new Central Government of China.

The Premier will also emphasise the "positive and independent" status of Japan's foreign policy in adjusting relations with Britain, America, the Soviet Union and other foreign countries.—Domet.

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The British Consulate has moved to Bjorneborg on the west coast of Finland.

## Anglo-Irish Unit To Help Finland

HELSINGFORS. — Nigel Allan, acting British Vice Consul, resigned recently to form a foreign legion of Britons and Irishmen to fight for Finland.

Mr. Allan had been active in moving British citizens from Finland.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

# NINOTCHKA

## THE JEWELS

IT WAS on a warmish April day in Paris that the manager of the Hotel Clarence was astonished to see a bearded man wearing the fur-collared coat, fur cap and heavy boots of a Russian emerged from the revolving door and stand gawking at the lobby's magnificence.

"Is there anything I can do for you, monsieur?" he inquired.

"No, no," replied the Russian, backing hurriedly out.

The manager's astonishment turned to mystification when a second man, similarly clad, entered, stared about and beat a hasty retreat, only to be followed by a third who examined the lobby hastily as he kept turning the revolving door which ejected him as quickly as he had entered.

The three Russians went into a huddle on the sidewalk.

"Comrades," said one, "why should we lie to each other? It's wonderful!"

"Let's be honest," said the second.

"Have we anything like it in Russia?"

They shook their heads in agreement.

"Can you imagine what the beds would be like in a hotel like that?" inquired the third.

"They tell me when you ring once the valet comes in," said the first.

"When you ring twice you get the waiter, and when you ring three the maid comes in—a French maid!"

"Comrades," said the second, a gleam in his eyes, "if we ring nine times!... Let's go in!"

"Just a minute, Comrade Iranoff," said the first, "I have nothing against the idea, but I say let's go back to the Hotel Terminus. Moscow made our reservations there. We are on an official mission and have no right to change the order of our superior."

"Where is your courage, Comrade Buljanoff? Are you the Buljanoff who fought on the barricades? Are you now afraid to take a room with a bath?"

"I don't want to go to Siberia," said Buljanoff, stepping into their waiting taxi.

"If Lenin were alive," said the third Russian, "Comrade Kopalski, he would say, Buljanoff, Comrade, for once in your life you're in Paris. Don't be a fool. Go in there and ring three times."

"He wouldn't say that," objected Iranoff. "What he would say is, 'Buljanoff, you can't afford to live in a cheap hotel. Doesn't the prestige of the Bolsheviks mean anything to you? Do you want to live in a hotel where you press for the hot water and cold water comes and when you press for cold water nothing comes out at all? Phooey, Buljanoff!'"

"I still say our place is with the common people," replied Buljanoff, but weakening. "But, then, who am I to contradict Lenin? Let's go in!"

THE three men entered the hotel together and approached the manager diffidently. Kopalski introduced his comrades and himself as members of the Russian Board of Trade,



"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

From the novel by M. LENGYEL

Adapted from the M.-C.-M. film by Lobbous Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

and inquired the price of rooms. "I'm afraid our rates are rather stiff," said the manager, anxious to get rid of them.

"Why should you be afraid?" "Oh I might be able to accommodate you," said the manager, haughtily eyeing their one suitcase. "Is there some more luggage?"

"Oh, yes, but have you a safe big enough to hold this?" "Not in our vault, but there is one suite with a private safe, but gentleman, I'm afraid."

The apartment may suit your convenience but I doubt that it will fit your convictions. It's the Royal Suite."

The three Russians glanced at each other almost in consternation. Then they drew aside and consulted together in low voices.

"I warn you, Comrades," said Buljanoff, "if it gets out in Moscow that we stayed in the Royal Suite we will get into terrible trouble."

"We'll just say we had to take it," whispered Iranoff, "on account of the safe. There was no other safe big enough. It's a perfect excuse."

After further palaver, they returned to the manager. "Give us the Royal Suite," said Buljanoff. "And send up some breakfast."

WHILE his two comrades were placing the suitcase in the safe of the Royal Suite, and a Russian-looking waiter was setting the breakfast table, Kopalski went to the telephone in the ante-room.

"Connect me with Mercier, the jeweller, please."

The waiter's hand, about to place the napkin, hesitated, remained suspended over the table as he listened to Kopalski.

"I want to speak with Monsieur Mercier personally," said Kopalski into the telephone.

"Monsieur Mercier? . . . This is Kopalski of the Russian Board of Trade. We arrived this morning. . . . Yes, everything is here, the necklace, too. All fourteen pieces. . . . No, Monsieur, the court jewels of the Duchess Swana consisted of but the fourteen pieces. . . . Yes, naturally we have all the necessary credentials."

The waiter hurried from the room. . . .

THE maid of the Grand Duchess Swana opened the door of her apartment, and smiled at the elegant Parisian playboy who entered with the air of a man thoroughly at home.

"Good morning, Count d'Algot. Her Highness is still dressing."

"That's all right," replied the Count and entered the Duchess's boudoir with the easy air of an old friend. She turned towards him and he kissed her lightly.

"Good morning, Swana."

"It's really a wretched morning, Leon. I can't get myself right. I wanted to look mellow and I look brittle. My face doesn't compose well. I am so bored with this face! . . . Why didn't you come last night?"

"Darling, I was busy looking out for your interests. Now, you can forget horse racing, roulette and the stock market. Our worries are over! You'll be in a position to give me that platinum watch at Mercier's—you remember, the one with diamond numbers."

"Oh, Leon, you are so good to me!" she murmured, slightly mischievously, and kissed him.

"You can be rich if you say the word. I had dinner with Guizet, the newspaper publisher last night. I sold him the idea of publishing your memoirs in the Gazette Parisienne."

"Oh, Leon!" she protested. "Sweetheart, we won't have to bother about our future if you are willing to raffle off your past!"

"Was it for this," sighed the Duchess, "that I refused to endorse Dr. Bertrand's mouthwash, or to say that the Vincent vacuum cleaner was the only one ever used by the Romanoff?"

"And now you want me to smear my life's secrets over the front page of a tabloid!"

"I understand how you feel, but there is a limit to everything, particularly pride and dignity. The paper has a circulation of two million and Guizot is willing to pay any price!"

"Imagine two million clerks and shop girls peering into my life for a soul! Think of my lovely life being wrapped around cheese and blood sausages!"

BUT Count Leon d'Algot knew his Duchess Swana and what note to play on.

"Well, I am the last person to persuade you, but don't do it blindly. If this is your decision, you must be prepared for the consequences—I will have to go to work."

Swana got up and went over to him, and he knew he had been successful.

"Stop threatening, my little Volga bountman! I don't deserve this."

She kissed him. "Two million readers. I know exactly what they want. Chapter I. 'A Childhood Behind Golden Bars. Lovely Little Princess Plays with Rasputin's Beard.'"

There was a rap on the door and the maid entered. "Count Rakonia asks the privilege of a few words. Your Highness."

"Count Rakonia?" queried d'Algot.

"He's a waiter at the Hotel Clarence, poor devil. You know him. Tell him I won't be able to see him for half an hour."

"The Count says if it could be as soon as possible. It is luncheon time and he's just between courses."

The Duchess, with a word of excuse, went into the living room.

"How do you do, my friend?" she said giving the Count her hand. "Have you lost your job?"

"No, Madame, something of the utmost importance. Your jewels—"

"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

"They are here—your jewels! Here is Paris!"

"Alexis! Do you know what you are saying?"

"This morning three Soviet agents arrived. They are going to sell your jewels to Mercier. I overheard their telephone conversation."

"Did I hear something about jewels?" asked Leon d'Algot, appearing in the doorway.

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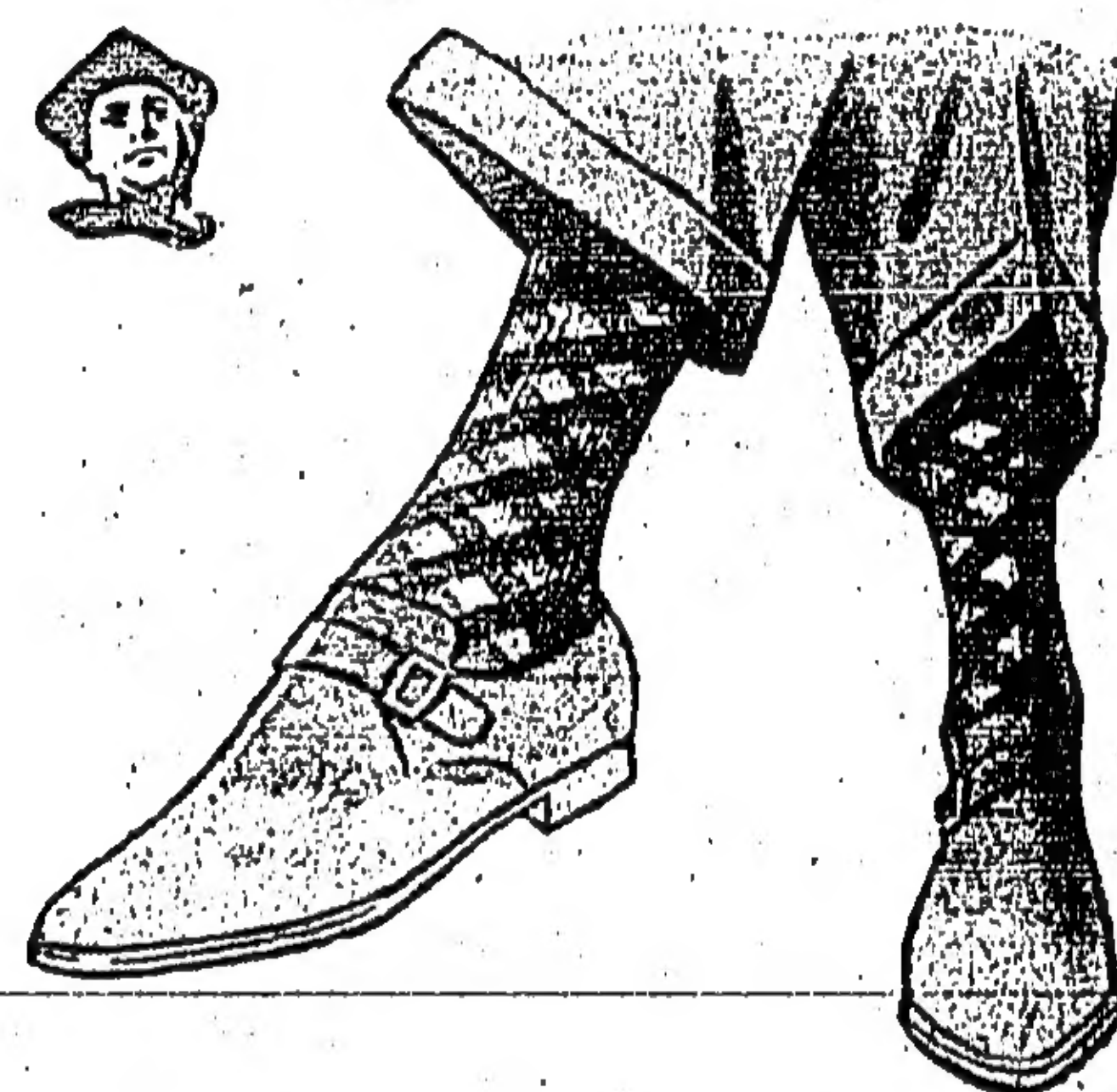
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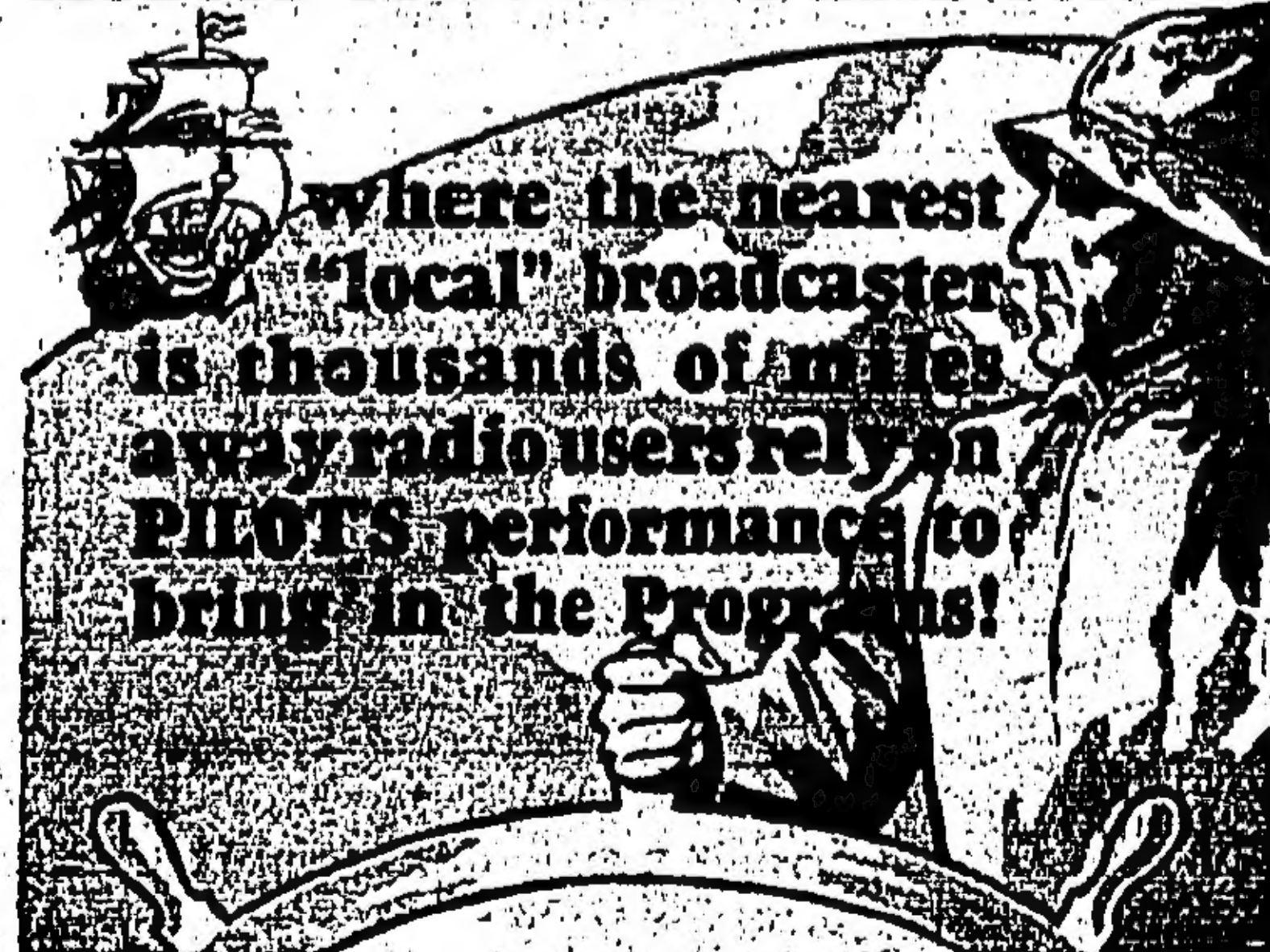


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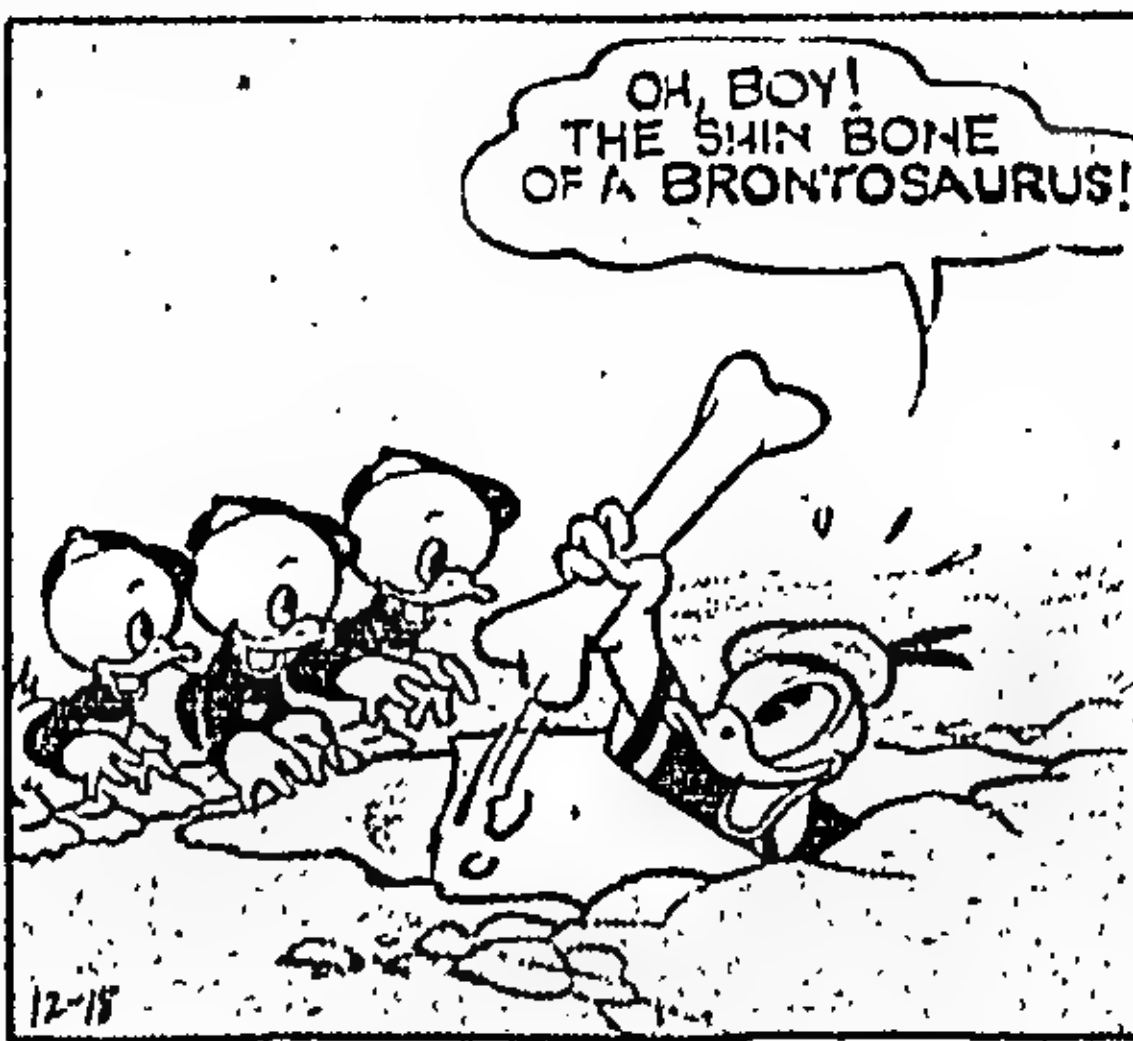






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## “Take Off That Lipstick” Said Matron

### And Nurse Ashley Never Put It On Again

NURSE ASHLEY went off duty at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, to become for twenty-four hours the Hon. Mrs. R. M. C. Ashley, at her home, The Hall, Six-Mile Bottom, near New-market, which stands in 8,000 acres of shooting ground.

For the woman who, at her wedding in 1927 was known as “the £70,000-a-year bride,” is rapidly forgetting her society life in the joy which stern hospital discipline and hard work have brought to her.

Yesterday, for instance, she did not throw a cocktail party to celebrate her leave.

Instead she threw open The Hall to the villagers and ran a wheel drive to raise money for comforts for the troops.

#### Qualified

Her hands are roughened with work. There is no polish on her nails, no make-up on her face.

“But I like it,” she said. “I am really happy in my job.”

“I detect the idea of playing at nursing as some society women do. I scrub floors, make beds, and hold sick heads. And I have been in attendance at fourteen operations.”

“I have qualified as a junior probator nurse. In the hospital most of them only know me as Nurse Ashley. That is as it should be. One day when I appeared with a little lipstick on matrons told me to go and wash my face. She was quite right. I never did it again.”

“None of us knows how we shall live when this war is over. I feel I must have a profession at my finger tips. It is my duty to become a useful citizen.”

#### Like Waterloo

“Since war started my house has been like Waterloo Station. People are coming and going all the time. I gave up half the house to twenty-four evacuees, ten mothers and fourteen children. Although the children had fifteen hundred acres of garden and park land to play in, they used to go down and play on the road.”

“Poor things! They were homesick for the traffic, so back they all went, saying ‘Thank you for a nice holiday.’”

But she didn't tell me that the whole village loved her, that they feel she is doing her job well, making the villagers and their comfort and problems her first consideration.

She didn't tell me that at a soldiers' camp a mile away they get dozens of cakes and pies sent up every week from her kitchens.

#### Doing Her Bit

She didn't tell me either about the two shooting brakes she had given to be made into ambulances, nor mention that after hard days at the hospital she runs weekly socials and dances to provide comforts for the troops. She has given up one room of her house to the village women, where they meet and knit socks and woollens for the soldiers. If she is there she joins them.

Down at The Green Man in the village the publican, Mr. Gardner, smiles with pride at the mention of her name.

“She's a lovely lady,” he said. “and certainly doing her share to win the war. I've known her since she was so high.”

And Mrs. Gardner added: “She is a grand woman. Although she is often worn out after a day's nursing, she always has a happy smile for us, and she can't do too much for us or for the soldiers.”

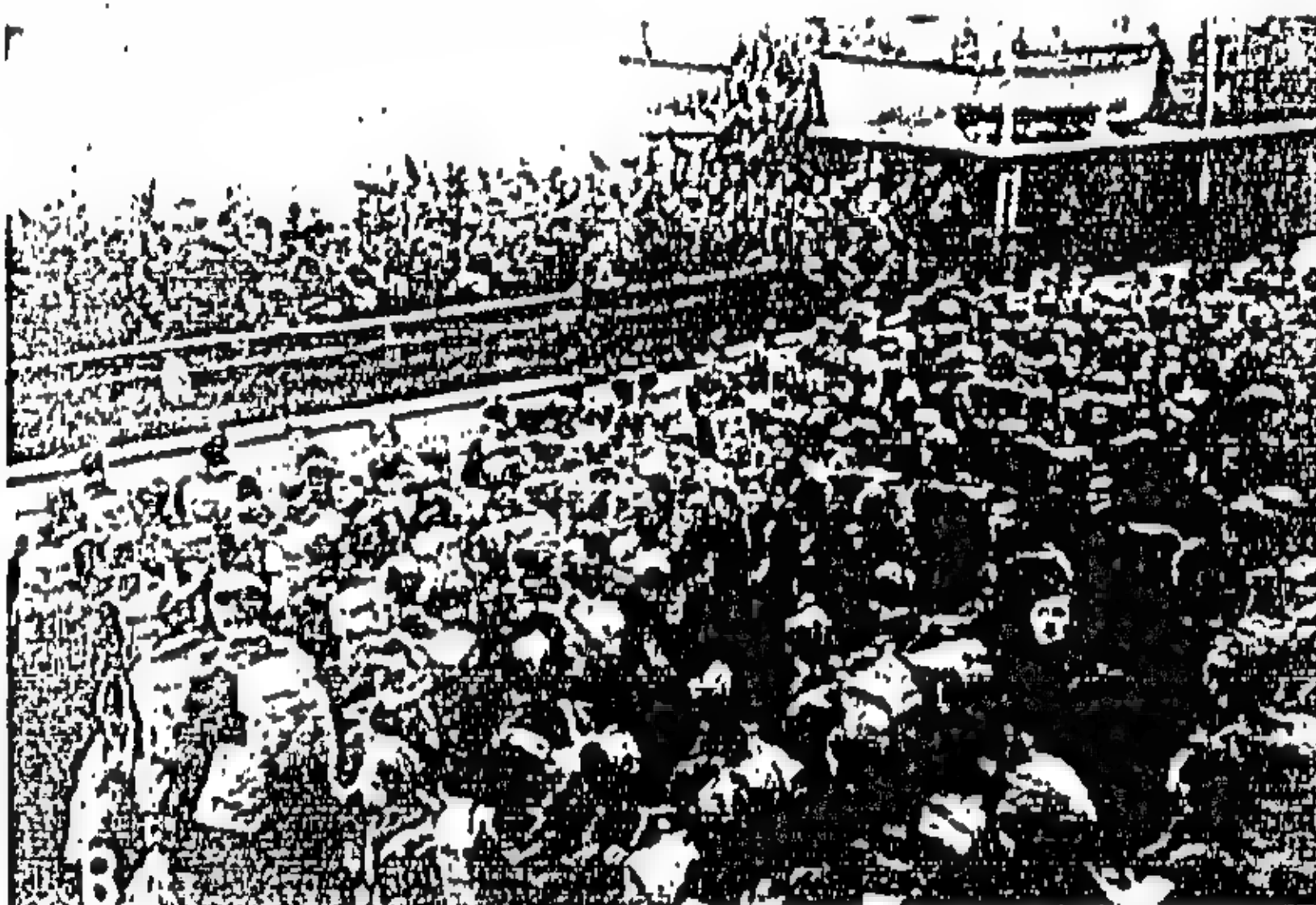
#### Hard Work

Society friends are amazed at the whole-hearted way in which she has gone into this job of hard work of the type she has never done before.

They remember her as daughter of the first Baron Mount Temple, sister of Lady Louis Mountbatten, no wife (until the marriage was dissolved this year) of Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, M.P., for St. Marylebone, who taught the King and the Duke of Windsor to fly.

But Nurse Ashley, unlike her friends, is not reminiscing. She is looking forward to the day when she will have won for herself somewhere the position of matron.

## CANADIANS IN ENGLAND



CANADIAN TROOPS landing “Somewhere in England” for the first time in 23 years. They were the first overseas forces to arrive.

### 1898 KILLER LEFT FORTUNE

SAN FRANCISCO (UP).—If Barney the cook is still alive, a fortune awaits him, and he need have no fear that he will be tried for a killing 42 years ago.

Barney the cook, whose name was either Owen Kenney or Eugene Kenney, has not been seen since he ran from a San Francisco court room 33 years ago just before he was freed on a writ of habeas corpus because records connecting him with the slaying of Patrick Dolan had been destroyed in the earthquake and fire.

H. H. McPike, former United States Attorney, revealed that Barney's brother had died and left blocks of real estate in New York and Brooklyn.

McPike recalled that in 1897 Barney killed Dolan. He charged Dolan, a bartender, had robbed him of \$2,000.

Barney was sent to the State Hospital for the Insane and in 1906 he was pronounced cured and returned to San Francisco for trial on the murder charge.

### FILM STRIKE OFF

Hollywood film studio workers have been granted wage increases and the strike will not take place. This was announced by the workers' representatives.

## JUDGE ASKED FOR QUICK MERCY

FORTY-EIGHT hours after Winifred Mary Watts, unmarried mother, had been sentenced to death, she was reprieved.

Winifred Watts lived in the village of Ashill, near Ilminster, in Somerset. She loved a man and hoped that before long they would be married. She was nineteen.

After her baby son was born, Winifred Watts went on loving and hoping for five more months.

Then she learned that her hopes were vain. The man was married already. So she killed her baby.

When her story was told at Taunton Assizes the jury found Winifred Watts guilty of murder. They strongly recommended her to mercy.

Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson said quietly: “There is only one sentence.” He hid his face as he pronounced the words of death.

Then he said:—

“I sincerely hope that those whose duty it is to exercise mercy will feel able to do so very speedily in your case.”

### Defendant Weds Plaintiff

YUBA CITY, Cal. (UP).—Less than 10 minutes after Judge H. D. Moncure gave Mrs. Clema Ayers, 25, a six-months suspended sentence for disturbing the peace, he married her to Fred Conklin, 47—the complaining witness.

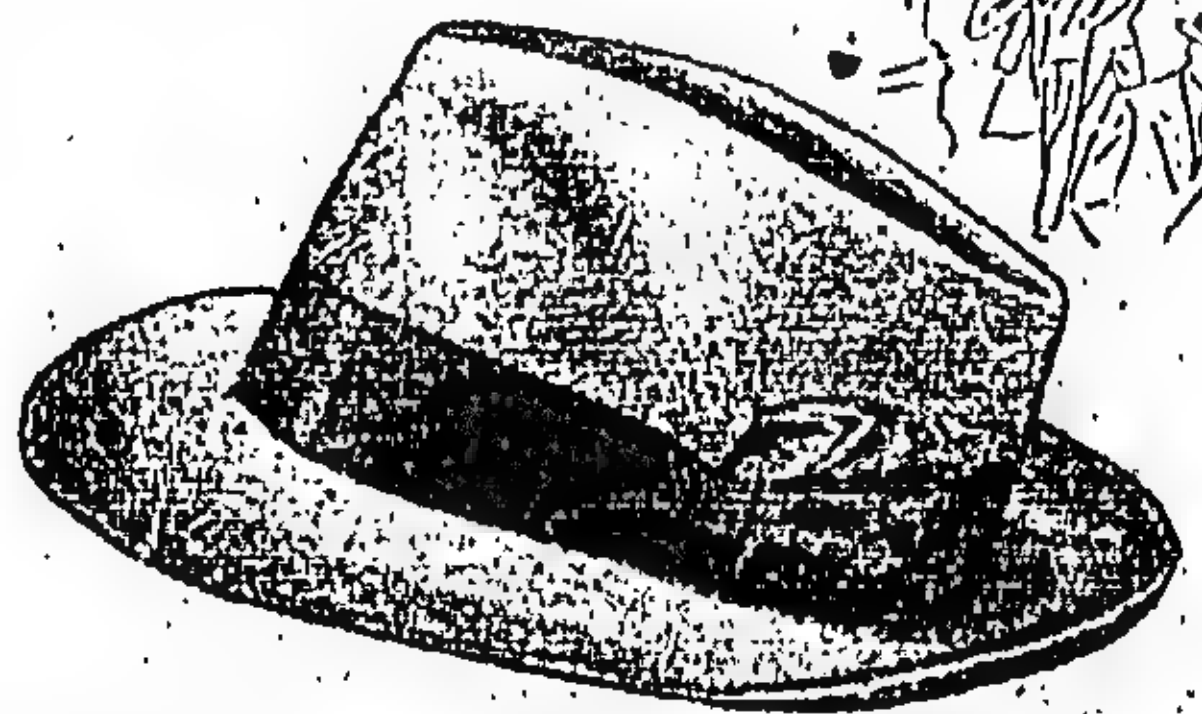
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### Diminishing Mercy

The treatment of the Poles and the Czechs by their German masters takes the mind back to the worst legends of the great Asiatic conquerors. These two nations are to be turned into slave States. They are regarded by the German Government as so many millions of "human beings" whose homes, property, lives, and labour are to be used by their conquerors at their pleasure. It is amazing, when we read of these expropriations, these forced migrations, these plans for settling Poles and Czechs where they can best serve their masters, to think that the ruler of Germany still speaks of the Treaty of Versailles as a monster of injustice.

A decree has been issued in Berlin stating that compulsory labour service for projects of particular State importance was to be enforced in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. What is there in the Treaty of Versailles comparable with this? If that treaty was intolerably harsh, what would be said of it if it had provided that great numbers of Germans were to be rooted up from their homes and set down in Britain and France to work for the British and French Governments? In what language would it have been described not only in Germany but in Britain as well? At this moment great bodies of Polish civilians are so employed in Germany. Poles and Czechs are treated as chattels.

The Germans hope by these methods not only to serve their large exploiting plans but also to break the spirit of the two nations. The terrible events of the last few years suggest a sad reflection. The world to-day is more humane than it was a century ago, but the use made of power by those who can seize it is more ruthless. Napoleon was ruined by his fantastic ambition, but he was a merciful conqueror when compared with Hitler. "He did not fill the Europe he mastered with concentration camps or flood with unnumbered fugitives the Europe that was still free. There were countries where his rule was remembered with gratitude and almost with affection. As for his nephew, Napoleon III, of the second Empire, the worst that can be said of him would paint a ruler mild and tolerant if we turn to our modern dictators. He was responsible for the casualties of the coup d'état of December, 1851, but he did not will them. Indeed the bloodshed in the streets of Paris was as damaging to his interests as it was distressing to his temperament. To-day nobody can read Victor Hugo's chastisement of a tyranny that would seem to-day hardly to deserve the name without thinking of the thunder that would have shaken Europe if he had lived to see the planned massacres, the concentration camps, the cold and deliberate cruelty on which Hitler builds his State. What is the significance of this growth of ruthlessness? One explanation is that both Napoleons wanted something besides power for themselves and their State. Hitler wants to use the European peoples whom he can subdue, as he would use any colonies he might recover, as a reservoir of human labour for the service of the German race. He sees the life of man in no other aspect. His pursuit of this purpose is undisturbed by any



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## WHAT THEY ARE THINKING IN ITALY

ROME.  
FORTY-FOUR MIL-  
LION Italians have  
ringside seats, ensconced behind the bulwarks of the Alps, watching the European war. They are fearful of what the future will bring.

Mussolini's recent messages have caused widespread relief, in spite of official cold douches from London and Paris, and hopes that the nations will sit down at a conference to discuss European life are still advanced.

The Duce's efforts to consolidate a Southern European peace bloc are followed with keen interest. His first success, scored with Greece, and the conversations now proceeding with Yugoslavia are hopeful signs that the Duce's dream of a united Southern European peace front is still maturing. Bulgaria is considered a good ally, linked by marriage to Italy's royal house, while Hungary is a proven friend.

Rumania's position is uncertain, but the Italian forecast, following the Soviet's move along her border, is that Rumania will veer under Italy's wing. Reports of the withdrawal of Italian troops concentrated in the Dodecanese, which were relayed from London, are evidence of a gesture towards Turkey and of the Duce's peaceful thrust in Southern Europe continuing.

The results of the Turkish Foreign Minister's Moscow visit are followed keenly.

The certainty of Italian neutrality has kept Turkey at bay and it is felt that Ciano has played the first move on the Southern European chessboard brilliantly. Practical Italians foresee fruitful exchanges of raw materials between Italy and the Balkans now that the Nazis are busy fighting.

Unhindered sea communications offer an excellent way of

of the larger impulses that moved the Napoleons. The traditions to which he reverts are not those of Roman but of Oriental empire. That is why the struggle on which we are engaged to-day, and the constructive efforts on which we hope to be engaged to-morrow, have for their object the defence of the most elementary of the rights of man.

reviving the anaemic ports of Flume and Trieste for communications with the Balkans. The Balkans have many materials which Italy can buy in exchange for machinery and manufactured articles.

A typical comment on Russia is that the Italian man-in-the-street, who is poring over maps displayed in shop windows showing the Russian gains, is:

"Well, Russia, seems to be doing well. Chi ci capisce whispering campaign unparallel-

By B. Mackenzie  
News Chronicle Rome Correspondent

niente? (who understands anything about it?)."

Russia's entry into Axis high society is a blow and raises many questions. Italians do not understand why Britain and France have not helped Poland.

German propaganda is stressed. The distribution of pamphlets by British bombers is considered childish by Italians, quite unfounded, are whispered from lips to lips. Mussolini, knowing full well the pulse of the nation, since he is informed by his chief carabinieri and police chiefs, found the appropriate moment to stem this campaign, which, according to diplomatic circles, will now be relentlessly curbed.

### GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Gad! I wish I was only six years old and had only a dollar to spend!"

What of the future? Italians are philosophical, for the present neutrality is assured for at least one month. But the question is: "What happens if Hitler calls?"

That the Pope and the Duce are working for peace is comforting, but an ominous sign is seen in recent broadcasts extolling the valour of the heroes of the last war. A.R.P. instructions are especially broadcast in the lunch-hour telling how one should deal with gas-bombs and burning lofts, and so on, and how to economise in fats and food.

While she is striving to increase her foreign trade with a save and sell campaign, Italy appears to be taking no chances. A modest Italian woman asked me: "Why do nations scrap like women in a back court when a mutual interchange of deficient materials would solve all their difficulties?"

There is a widespread feeling of sympathy with Poland and respect for the valour of the Polish troops, but in the view of practical observers Poland would have benefited by climbing down to the German demands, as is evidenced by the present result of the war.

In the meantime Italy is very busy concerning on tightening her belt still further—a practice indulged in since the beginning of the Abyssinian campaign.

Life here has been revolutionised. We are short of coffee, and young men are unable to take their best girls for a Sunday drive. Private cars are allowed only for the "national interest." The platinum blondes are barred from their moonlit car drives.

The nation is calm, but there is a general feeling of uneasiness about what the future holds. There is a widespread impression that every day out of war profits, the nation as a whole, and that time may find a solution which will not involve the Italians and will cure the world once and for all of its present ills.

Meanwhile the man in the street congregates round the wireless sets to hear the latest bulletins from the Western Front. He is very curious to know how the impregnable Maginot and Siegfried barriers can be pierced.



# FURTHER UNREST IN SOVIET UNION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Domei).—A general feeling of unrest is sweeping the Soviet Union.

Increasing shortages of food and fuel, rising commodity prices and the lowest cold in a century are responsible, according to information reaching here to-day.

The report says that following the outbreak of the Soviet-Finnish war, shortage of food and fuel is rapidly increasing. Diplomatic circles point out that internal unrest in the Soviet Union would have an immediate effect on the Soviet-Finnish war, and would eventually seriously bear on the developments of the European situation.

## Nazi-Red Talks

PARIS, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Reliable information reaching here says that M. Potemkin, the assistant Soviet Foreign Commissioner, will shortly proceed to Berlin. The object of his trip is not made known.

## French Deputies In England

Studying Britain's War Effort

LONDON, Jan. 28 (British Wire).—A very warm welcome has been given to the party of French Deputies which arrived in London yesterday by British Parliamentarians with whom they will have many opportunities for common discussion and personal exchange during the visit, the programme of which has also been planned to give them means of appreciating the British war effort.

The French party is led by the former Foreign Minister, M. Delor, who this evening broadcast a message of France describing the purpose of the visit.

## Dinner At Embassy

The French Ambassador gave a dinner to-night at which representatives met members of the French delegation, and the British Government is giving a dinner to-morrow night.

On Tuesday the visitors will dine with their British colleagues at the House of Commons. Newspapers give much prominence to the arrival of the party, and meetings with British M.P.s are regarded as providing a useful aid to fuller mutual understanding between the elected representatives of the British and French people which is an essential foundation for the close collaboration upon which the two governments have embarked.

## BIG HAUL BY PIRATES

A LARGE Hongkong-registered ocean-going junk is the latest victim of Chinese pirates. Cargo valued at over \$6,000 was taken from the vessel, which was en route from Swatow to Hongkong. The incident occurred east of Sam Mun Customs Station, when two large junks approached and fired at the master of the Hongkong junk, Lam Man-fung, to leave to.

According to a report to the police, about forty men were involved in the piracy. Eleven—five armed with rifles and six with revolvers—boarded the junk and looted the crew and passengers below for 48 hours.

After the cargo was transferred the pirates decamped. A British Embassy communiqué has announced the establishment of a British recruiting office in France. British subjects resident in France between the ages of 20 and 50 who desire to volunteer for service in the British Army are asked to communicate with the recruiting office. The announcement adds that recruiting centres will be established throughout France.

## GRIPPS ENTERTAINERS HAD BUSY AFTERNOON

WHEN WAR was declared in September, Mimi and Jose, famous Mexican dancers, were working in Paris.

When the night-life of the gay French capital became quieter and the large hotels closed down on their lavish entertaining, Mimi and Jose decided to go back to America—but not across the Atlantic.

They arrived in Hongkong on Saturday afternoon, en route to New York. They were expected originally on Thursday, and arrangements were made for them to stop-over in this Colony in order to appear for a brief season at the Hongkong Hotel. Though their plane was delayed, the two Mexican entertainers were able to make their bow at the Grippe's as originally scheduled.

But they had to come ashore in their rehearsal costumes to com-

## The Censor Thaws Out

Reveals Britain's Arctic Conditions

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—"The ice has been broken by the censor," chuckled the B.B.C. announcer during to-day's Empire broadcasts.

In order to make things difficult for German weathermen—and hence for German airmen—popular comments on "weather" at home have been dropped from Empire news bulletins for some time.

To-day, the censor allowed the B.B.C. to broadcast details of the sort of weather England had been having some two weeks ago.

## Coldest For 46 Years

This includes the coldest weather in 46 years, freezing of the Thames, ice-skating, broken water pipes and lucky householders sharing their baths with more unfortunate friends. "It is cold to-day, but we cannot tell you any more about it now," concluded the announcer. "Perhaps we shall be able to give you some more in the future if the censor thaws out again."

## QUICK WORK BY H.K. POLICE

Armed Robbers Seized Within Few Minutes

ANOTHER instance of quick work on the part of the Hongkong Police was provided on Saturday afternoon, when L/Sergt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective rounded up a gang of armed robbers within a few minutes of an armed robbery.

The entire proceeds of the robbery were recovered. The robbery occurred at 75 Nam Cheong Street, occupied by the Lucen Fat money-changing establishment. Five men, all armed with revolvers, participated in the attack, binding the six occupants of the premises with wire.

While they were ransacking the premises, two detectives approached and arrested an armed look-out at the point of the robbery.

The four men in the building were, however, warned and escaped through a side door. They were chased for some distance by the two detectives who fired shots into the air in an effort to stop them. The detectives were unable to fire at the men, owing to the danger of hitting other pedestrians.

A few minutes later, acting on information, L/Sergt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective visited the Kau Toi hotel where three men and a woman were arrested. A revolver and five rounds of ammunition, together with the proceeds of the robbery, were found.

## GERMAN WOMAN IN H.K. COURT

A GERMAN woman whose husband is stated to be distinctly connected with the famous German House of Rothschild appeared in a Hongkong Court this morning on a charge of entering the Colony without a valid passport.

The woman was Frau Fanny Rothschild. Her address was given as Kohn, Germany.

She arrived by plane from Marseilles on January 25, stating that she was attempting to re-join her husband in Shanghai.

The Magistrate, Mr. J. T. Houston, made an order for her expulsion.

## Three Word War Communique

Paris, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—For the fifth day in succession, this morning's French communique said, "Nothing to report."

It is learned that British and French sea patrols carried out a number of attacks on U-boats, but no details are yet available.

## RIOTING IN RANGOON

Hooligans Create Disorder

SINGAPORE, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The Commissioner of Police in Rangoon has issued a statement about the rioting which occurred during a Hindu procession yesterday.

Only hooligan elements were involved, he reports. One man was killed in the rioting and three others died later of their injuries.

The area has been quiet since Saturday night.

## Waterloo Stn. Nearly Ready

London Terminus Is Modernised

LONDON, Jan. 28 (British Wire).—In spite of the great calls, due to the war, made on the Southern Railway, the modernisation of Waterloo City Railway has been rapidly proceeded with and now approaches completion. The change-over to the new system is expected to take place in early summer, and passengers will find entirely new rolling stock constructed on modern principles.

The journey also will be much quieter as the rails have been welded together—the method found most effectively to reduce noise. A speedy exit from this much-used railway will be assured by means of a triple escalator which has been installed at the city end.

## JAPANESE MASS MORE TROOPS IN SHANSI

FROM PAGE ONE

The situation in west Shansi is comparatively quiet.

Chengkang Town Raided KINWHA, Jan. 28 (Central).—Seven Japanese planes flying from Hangchow bombed Chinkang, on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway south of Szechuan, on Saturday. They released over 30 bombs which wrecked some 40 houses. No casualties were reported.

Japanese Retreat FANCHENG, Jan. 28 (Central).—Japanese forces recently defeated north of Suhsien in north Hupai are continuing their retreat towards Anlu and Yinghsan, southeast of Suhsien. The invaders in the Kiangnan-Chungshang-Yangtze area have been inactive owing to Chinese vigilance.

Chinese Attack Szechuan KWEILIN, Jan. 28 (Central).—A military communique released here states that Chinese forces have captured Kansanchen and Yachienchen, two important points on the Szechuan-Shanhsi highway, during the week-end, and are launching a concerted attack on Szechuan, opposite Hangchow across the Chien-tang River.

Yuechanchang, two miles south of Szechuan, returned to Chinese hands after sharp fighting on Saturday. One unit of Chinese troops succeeded in forcing an entry into Szechuan by the south gate but later again withdrew.

The Japanese are rushing repairs to the Chien-tang bridge which was damaged by Chinese forces. A large number of remnant Japanese, marooned at isolated points on the brink of the river, are being mopped up by the Chinese.

Wenchow, three miles west of Szechuan, was abandoned by the Japanese following the Chinese recapture of Linpu. Many dead bodies were abandoned by the Japanese during their retreat eastward to Szechuan.

## NEWS ITEM WAS TEN YEARS OLD

A news story published in the "Telegraph" on Saturday was, on investigation, found to be ten years old!

It related to the forthcoming arrival in Hongkong of six Officers of the "China Squadron" and was intended for the "A Look Through the Telegraph" feature.

The sub-editor into whose hands it passed believed it to be an item of recent news and edited it accordingly.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1890. Would it not have been just as well for our morning contemporary to have made some inquiry before publishing the paragraph in its issue of yesterday, in which, on the more than distant day, an "anonymous correspondent," a female of a certain class is accused of having taken the lead at the race-course in what is described as a "most indecent and revolting spectacle?" As to the "correspondent," if he is a man with the slightest pretensions to be ranked as a gentleman, he will at once, about his own name, give particular to the community of longions of this "most indecent and revolting spectacle," which he says he witnessed in the race-course. The credit of the colony is at stake in a matter of this sort. If "indecent and revolting spectacles" are exhibited by women in public places, then, in daylight, it is high time that the police authorities took active steps to put down such disgraceful scandals.

It appears that on Friday evening last a new arrival in the town—described as "a female of a certain class"—committed a great enormity of including in a public walk, with a certain male person at the race-course, believing that their impromptu practice for the winter dances, now in full swing, was only witnessed by their personal friends.

Considering the strictly moral atmosphere which has ever enveloped the Hongkong community, it was very wrong of the lately arrived young female to imagine herself in San Francisco, and under that erroneous impression to commit such an enormity. It was in open daylight with a gentleman—who, at least, certainly ought to have known better; but we very gravely doubt whether such revolting indecent recreation, no matter how bad the taste displayed by both these disciples of Terpsichore, can be fairly described as a "most indecent and revolting spectacle." Where does the indecency come in, and what can there possibly be revolting in a woman dancing a few waltz steps with a man?

It must not be imagined for a moment that we are specially defending the so-called "anonymous correspondent" of this evening's "Telegraph." On the contrary, we think she did not exercise a wise discretion in making a public exhibition of herself before this anonymous purist in open daylight, and would strongly recommend her to be more circumspect in future.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1915. It is unfortunate that there is not so little definite information available as to the pre-war days of Hongkong, beyond a few State papers, a few newspaper cuttings, or, perhaps, a rare travel-book or two, on a little better source of information than tradition and hearsay. There should be a book, however, in the "Herald" or the "Gazette," which dates back to the first year of British occupation, and was written by Macao by the American Mission Press.

A photograph attached to the cover of the "Telegraph" ready on Saturday—will show the ill-fated Sander as she lies on the Coco Island, battered to pieces by the gun-fire of H.M.A.S. Sydney.

Our American friends are inclined to twit us for failing to maintain our word in Belgium. Let them consider what would happen if the British Empire suddenly to defend the Monroe doctrine against a great power like Germany in South America. They would be more than ready to give the invaders over than England is in the case of Belgium.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1930. At a time when we encounter a good deal of non-sensical ill-informed comment regarding Britain's colonial methods, it is most refreshing to read the compliment uttered by the French Premier at the League of Nations held in connection with the London Naval Conference. "When it comes to preserving peace in far distant lands and among different races," said M. Tardieu, "Great Britain can claim to have played the role that human genius could conceive."

### 5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1935. The news that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has written a slow march for the bandpipes has only his most intimate friends were let into the secret.

## Rex Boarded By R. N. Unit

Asama Maru Incident Had Precedent

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 28 (UP).—It is now revealed that the Italian liner Rex, in which 58 members of the crew of the scuttled German liner Columbus reached Genoa to-day, was "stopped by a British warship in the Atlantic."

A boarding party went aboard the 52,000-ton Italian liner.

The German seamen were permitted to remain aboard.

It has been revealed that the Portuguese steamer Carvalho Araujo (4,500 tons), which runs between the Azores and Lisbon, was recently halted by a British warship when off the Portuguese coast.

The warship took off 25 German passengers of military age who had been trying to return to Germany from the Azores.

Unlike the Asama Maru incident, Portugal recognises Britain's right to remove Germans of belligerent age from neutral ships, and no protest has been lodged regarding this incident.

## War Anniversary Quietly Observed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—CHUNGKING, Jan. 28 (UP).—The eighth Anniversary of the beginning of the Shanghai war in 1932 was observed quietly in Chungking by the general election which falls on March 28.

Any election speeches which are broadcast will have to be censored in accordance with the defence regulations of Canada.

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/21 1/2
Demand do.	1/21 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	305
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	104 1/4
T.T. India	82 1/4
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	49 1/2
T.T. Batavia	48 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/4
T.T. Saigon	108 1/4
T.T. France	10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	100 1/4
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/35 3/32
4 m/s D/P Do.	1/35 3/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11 1/4
30 d/a India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.00

## H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,385 1/2
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	1,387 1/2
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	1,388 1/2
Chartered S.S.	11 1/4
Mercantile, C. E.	11 1/4
Mercantile, C. E.	11 1/4
East Asia	78 1/2
INSURANCES	
Canton	207 1/2
China	470 1/2
China Underwriter	11 1/4
H.K. Fire	180 1/2
SHIPPING	
Douglases	80 1/2
Steamboats	11 1/2
Indo-China S.S.	100 1/2
Indo-China D.S.	80 1/2
Shell (Batters)	78 1/2
Waterboats	11 1/2
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	103 1/2
Docks	21 1/2
Providents	4 1/2
New Eng. Sh.	18 1/2
Sh. Docks	240 1/2
MINING	
Kailan s/-	10/-
Rauha s/-	10/-
Venz. Gold	4 1/2
H.K. Mines	3 1/2 cts.
LANDS	
Hotels	540 n.
Lands	33.00 b.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shai' Lands Sh.	14 1/2
Humphreys	5 1/2
H.K. Realities	4.00 n.
Chinese Estates	101 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	17 1/2
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 1/2
Star Ferries	0 1/2
Y. Ferries	24 1/2
China Lights (old)	7 1/2
China Lights (new)	4 1/2
H.K. Electric	55 1/2
Macao Electric	20 n.
Sandakan Light	11 1/2
Telephones (old)	24 1/2
Telephones (new)	0.00 n.
Traction s/-	19 1/2
Traction (Pref.) s/-	19 1/2
INDUSTRIALS	
Cold-Macg. (Ord.)	14.00 n.
Cold-Macg. (Pref.)	12 n.
Canton Ice	1 1/2
Cements	1 1/2
H.K. Ropes	6.00 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old)	22.00 a.
Dairy Farms (new)	21 1/2
Watsons	9 n.
Lane, Crawford	1 1/2
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	33 n.
Shai Cotton	170 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	14 1/2
Wing On Textiles	48 1/2
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	6.00 b.
Constructions (old)	1 1/2
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Viro Filing	8 1/2
Ch. Govt. 5% 1928	102 1/2
G. Bonds	50 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	102 1/2
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	95 1/2
Marsmans (Lon.)	15 1/2
Marsmans (H.K.)	4 1/2

## TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

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undergo examination, despite the possession of Japanese Consular passes.

Small parcels of food are admitted into the Concession only with reluctance.

Chinese peasants, evading the Japanese sentries, are throwing small quantities of food over the electrified barbed-wire barricades.

The Japanese-controlled Chinese police appear to be disinterested in the latest evidence of Japanese agitation against foreigners.

Sections of the electrified barrier have been protected by additional barricades in order to prevent accidental approach.

Although the barricades were electrified at 11 o'clock last night there have, so far, been no incidents.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, is not making the customary trans-continental tour in connection with the general election which falls on March 28.

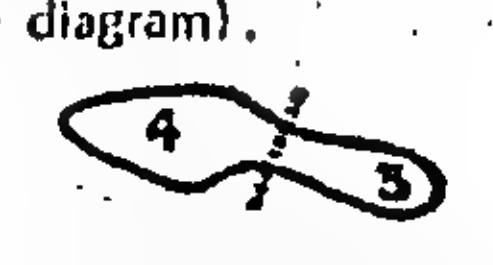
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# MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

## COMBINED CHINESE DEFEAT INTERPORT XV WIN CIVILIANS 4-2

(By "Rex")

OUTSTANDING FEATURES of a very interesting game were the totally unexpected fight put up by the Civilian team, the complete domination by A. V. Gosano over Chan Tak-fai and Lee Wai-tong, and two surprise goals by Hau Ching-to which gained for the Chinese their four goals to two victory over the Civilians in the second round of the Lai Wah Cup at Causeway Bay yesterday.

### Taylor And Forrow In Excellent Form

Taylor, the Police custodian, was to the fore with a splendid performance, his great height and length of reach disconcerting the Chinese attackers no end. This match had an added interest in that Forrow gave a brilliant exhibition at inside left and should provide a solution as to the final composition of the Interport side to meet Shanghai.

Taylor used his great height and length of reach to good advantage, saving shots from Lee, Fung and Chan which an ordinary goal-keeper would have found beyond his reach. He also caused a small amount of amusement by picking the ball from almost the heads of the Chinese attackers without having to jump for it. Blackburn was a tower of strength in the back-line, clearing timely and strongly. Bone was slightly off-colour, and, but for the timely covering and intercepting of Blackburn, the Civilians might have had a larger score to reduce. A. V. Gosano was at the peak of his form, and covered Leo Wai-tong and Chan Tak-fai so well that they had hardly a chance to score. In the second half he even included Fung King-cheong in his literary and bottled up the Chinese attack. His wing-halves, Maxwell and Hon-nibal supported him well. Hon-nibal was the better of the two considering he had to cope with wily Fung and a lack of support from Bone threw an added burden on his shoulders. Maxwell found Hau Ching-to too fast for him, but intercepted finely throughout.

AN INJURY to Fowler on Saturday incapacitated him from playing and he was substituted by Rumpkin, a third division player who, nevertheless, gave a good account of himself, his closing in resulting in a goal for the Civilians. He was dominated by Lee Kwok-wai, and Soong Ling-seng spoiled much of his work. Pryde gave another fine performance in the inside right berth. With more experience this player will make a mark in local soccer. His perception of the right moves stamping him as a schemer in the making. What he lacks in height he makes up for in excellent ball control, body swerve and a good turn of speed. Lee Gosano was a tier, but I think he should realise he is not fitted for that position. He has the speed, dash and ball control but something is lacking in his make-up as a centre-forward. Forrow vied with Pryde for honours in the forward line. His headwork and passes were perfect. He worked for Bickford and helped that player to attain that peak for which he received acknowledgment of being the best left winger in the Colony.

GREAT PERFORMANCE CHEUNG WING-CHOI gave a magnificent performance for the Chinese. To him goes major part of the credit for saving the day for the Chinese. He pulled off several magnificent saves in fine style in spite of the fact that he was very often hard pressed and harassed by the Civilian forwards. Lee Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai defended well. Although playing at variance to each other they managed to keep a semblance of co-ordination. Their spilling work was below par but their clearances were not the least haphazard, finding their men most times. The halves worked well but for Leung Wing-chiu who appeared disoriented. Hsu King-seng gave another excellent performance at pivot. He had the full measure of Bertie and checked him well. He was equally at home in attack and defence and did much to get his forwards going when they were beaten back. Soon Ling-seng gave excellent support and covered him nicely. Leung Wing-chiu centred his attention on Bickford whom he allowed to elude him and again through his lack of speed. The forwards were seen to advantage as a unit only in patches. The inside trio of Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-cheong and Lee Wai-tong tried to combine but when their attempts were frustrated swung the ball to the wing men who were the

HOW TEAMS FARED			
Lai Wah Cup			
Army	5	Navy	2
C. Chinese	4	Civilians	2
Senior Shield First Round Replay			
Club	0	Royal Scots	4
First Division			
Kwong Wah	1	St. Joseph's	3
Kowloon	1	S. China "B"	2
Second Division "A"			
South China	2	5th R.A.	0
Second Division "B"			
R.A.F.	-	University	-
Third Division			
Signals	2	Royal Scots	1
South China	1	Engineers	0
R.A.M.C.	1	Kumaons	2
12th R.A.	0	International	2
5th R.A.	0	24th R.A.	3
Friendly Match			
Press	0	Referees	2
Police	7	Reserves	1

real attackers. Hau Ching-to, despite his two goals was not better than a Chinese who gave a great display. His fine runs down the field and beautiful centres was the occasion for an outburst from the crowds which picked the stands. THE KICK-OFF CIVILIANS kicked off against a stiff wind and their initial attack provided some anxious moments for the Chinese supporters. Chinese brought the ball into the Civilian area and Taylor saved. Minutes later Taylor saved again. Taylor and again from Lee, both times utilising one hand in stopping. Civilians attacked Forrow's parting shot from a pass from Pryde was cleared by Lee Ling-sang. Bickford sent in some lovely daisy cutters which caused Cheung to go to goal no end of trouble saving them. The Chinese now pressed hard for the lead. A. V. cleared from a partial clearance by Blackburn. Blackburn again stopped a certain goal the ball bounding off his head behind the posts. From the corner there was a mad scramble for the ball and Lee pushed it in with Taylor completely covered by his own and the opposition's players. CIVILIANS pressed for the equaliser, in one of their raids Bickford sent in a shot which was saved by Taylor. There was still unit Chinese took the initiative and Cheung sent down the wing with a fine pass from Fung. His centre was headed in by Chan, the ball spinning out of the grasp of Taylor into the net. UNDAUNTED the Civilian returned to the attack, Bickford sent in a perfect centre right in the goalmouth for Cheung to hit it out. Pryde gained possession of the ball and first-timed into the net. This score stood till half time with much mid field play. The second half opened with the Civilian attacking strongly putting the Chinese on the defensive. The Chinese broke away, Fung sent Cheung off with another glorious pass for the latter to centre right across the Civilian's goal-mouth. Hau Ching-to sent from nowhere to meet it first time the ball whistling past Taylor. This seemed to give added zest to the Civilian who pressed harder. Goals were missed by all the forwards. Forrow picked up a loose ball in midfield and sent Bickford off with a nice pass. Bickford turned passed to Forrow who flashed it goalwards Cheung just getting his hand to it, but Rumpkin, emulating

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### Junior Cricket Champions' Farewell To Shield? SECOND DEFEAT IN TWO WEEKS

To all intents and purposes the K.C.C. have said farewell to the junior cricket championship, which they won last year, as a result of their second defeat of the season on Saturday. Reproducing form almost identical to that which lost them three points at Cragengower the week before, the K.C.C. lost to the Army on the Cox's Road ground by 71 runs. K.C.C. again committed fielding errors which proved expensive, but it was in batting that they chiefly disappointed their supporters. Against a steady, but by no means exceptional attack, the junior champions shaped as though every ball held disguised terrors. This made a striking contrast to the stolid, confident showing of the Army batsmen, who treated the bowling strictly on its merits, anything off the wicket being punished accordingly. The third-wicket partnership of 120 between Patterson and Man was a particularly good effort, but it was exasperating for the K.C.C. to remember afterwards that Patterson should have been caught quite comfortably off a cooked-up shot to leg after he had scored a single. Thereafter he made no mistakes, and ambled along steadily towards his half-century.

MAN MORE AGGRESSIVE Man was much more aggressive and rapidly overhauled his partner. He might have been run out in his first over but for a wild throw in to the wicket. When in his fifties he gave chances in the deep which were not accepted. Nevertheless it was noteworthy effort against bowling which was extremely steady in the earlier stages of the innings. Luke in his first spell had the batsmen tied down, and Taylor, who tried, and then he was hit for four fours in one over. The Army took two full hours to score their 169 for a declared, and only in the middle of the innings did the batsmen really get on top of the bowling. With memories of last year's match when at Sookunpoo the K.C.C. scored 200 in an hour and three-quarters to win the match, the champions felt that the task of scoring 170 in about the same time was by no means impossible. The early dismissal of Lay and Mulcahy at the same total, soon placed the home side strictly on the defensive. Fergus had Lay brilliantly caught in the slips off a hard cut and Ratcliffe lured Mulcahy into a false stroke. Baxter stayed a while, while others lost their wickets cheaply, and then he "had a go" at Paul's slow off-spinners and was bowled neck and crop. The Army bowlers made most of their opportunities. The change bowlers were brought on just at the right time, and when the last two wickets were needed the opening trundlers were put back and accomplished their expected task. Nevertheless, K.C.C. batting was decidedly supine and it appears that the middle men have become so used to seeing Mulcahy, Lay and Goodban knock off the bowlers, that they are no longer capable of pulling the tide together after a bad start.

SIX MINUTES TO SPARE Goodban, playing the ball firmly with middle of the bat looked capable of staying for all time and there appeared a chance of the Army being denied three deserved points when he and Luke were defending. Then Luke had a dip and was bowled and Goodban, in attempting to steal the bowling was stumped. Army won with about six minutes to spare. The Army bowlers made most of their opportunities. The change bowlers were brought on just at the right time, and when the last two wickets were needed the opening trundlers were put back and accomplished their expected task. Nevertheless, K.C.C. batting was decidedly supine and it appears that the middle men have become so used to seeing Mulcahy, Lay and Goodban knock off the bowlers, that they are no longer capable of pulling the tide together after a bad start.

### Women's Tennis

## MRS. LITTON DEFEATS MRS. CHIU FOR COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

THE COLONY WOMEN'S singles tennis championship was won by Mrs. Litton who easily beat Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu by 6-0, 6-1 at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday.

Steadier all round and retrieving practically everything that came across the net, Mrs. Litton dropped very few points against an opponent who was playing well below her usual league and tournament form. Mrs. Chiu's service was perhaps her strongest point, and occasionally she sent over some splendid forehand drives to the corners of the court, but against a rock-like steadiness she gradually deteriorated and eventually faded out. Mrs. Litton previously won the title in 1930-31-32, the women's doubles championship with Mrs. R. E. Tottenham in 1931-32 and the mixed doubles with her brother, Mr. W. Lo, in 1928, 1930 and 1932.

### Australian Tennis Titles

SYDNEY, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—Jack Crawford defeated John Bromwich, 6-4, 6-1, 6-7 in the semi-final of the Australian singles tennis championships. In the other semi-final, Adrian Quist beat Vivian McGrath, 6-4, 10-8, 5-3. Results of the women's semi-finals were—Miss Thelma Coyne beat Mrs. Hopman 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Miss Nancy Wynne beat Miss Joan Hartigan 6-0, 3-6, 6-1. The men's doubles final was won by Bromwich and Quist, who beat Crawford and McGrath, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1. The women's doubles final went to Miss Wynne and Miss Coyne, who defeated Miss Hartigan and Miss Niemeyer, 7-5, 6-1.

### Lucky Sweep Tickets At Macao

Sweep results on yesterday's races at Macao were:

Race No. 1	
No. 423	\$112.10
" 533	32.10
Unplaced pony (\$10) No. 518.	12.50
Race No. 2	
No. 156	\$113.40
" 572	35.40
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos. 272, 570.	15.20
Race No. 3	
No. 503	\$123.60
" 528	36.20
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos. 107, 578.	19.40
Race No. 4	
No. 555	\$133.80
" 509	39.80
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos. 571, 550.	45.50
Race No. 5	
No. 503	\$159.20
" 104	45.50
Unplaced pony (\$15) No. 61.	22.70
Race No. 6	
No. 552	\$321.00
" 441	45.90
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos. 614, 246.	45.90

### Japanese Enthusiasm For "Sumo"

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (Domei).—With the vast Kokugikan wrestling arena packed to capacity by 16,000 of "sumo" enthusiasts who braved sabbath weather, preliminaries of the Spring Sumo Tournament got under way here at 2 o'clock this morning. As thousands jammed the approaches to the arena by noon yesterday, the gates were opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, a record in early openings. Four hours later, the "House Full" sign was hung out, and would-be spectators came equipped with blankets and other clothing in order to keep warm in the vast unheated arena. As usual food and drink were brought by the enthusiasts, who settled down for a long wait. Gen. Taka Hashikari, president of the Nippon Sumo Association, which is the opening day's gate proceeds were dedicated made an address thanking the audience. Tickets sold at 50 sen.

### HONGKONG RIDING SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS

Several hundred spectators witnessed the annual sports of the Hongkong Riding School, managed by Mr. Bob Charles at Tai-hang Road yesterday. The weather, and the grounds, stands and stables were gaily decorated with flags. The varied programme provided competition for both adults and children, and so well did many of the competitors that the judges in some instances found difficulty in finding the winners. Among the many spectators were the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Wing-Cdr. and Mrs. A. J. S. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilcock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dodwell, who was the recipient of a basket of flowers from little Susan Steele-Perkins.

THE RESULTS The following were the events and prize-winners: Target Competition—Miss V. Walker. Intermediate Children's Competition (Class 1)—Miss G. Lee; 2, Miss B. Rickwood; 3, Miss C. Davis. Adult Members' Competition—1, Miss N. Kerrison; 2, Mrs. E. Selby; 3, Mr. P. Colclough. Intermediate Children's Competition (Class 2)—Tie between Master R. Cooke, Miss J. Davis and Master F. Hechtel, who drew lots for the cups. Musical Chairs—Mr. R. H. J. Brooks. Advanced Children's Competition—1, Miss P. Dodwell; 2, Miss V. Walker; 3, Master P. Harriman. Tiny Tots Competition—1, Miss Susan Wood; 2, Miss Susan Steele-Perkins; 3, Master Colin Competition. Children's Learners' Competition—1, Miss Master J. Selby; 2, Master C. Dowbiggin; 3, Mrs. R. H. J. Brooks. Jumping Competition—1, Mr. F. Appleton; 2, Master H. Tippet; 3, Mr. W. C. Poy. Master B. Stoll. Harriman Challenge Cup (for best rider in school)—Miss V. Walker. Best Civil Rider—Miss P. Dodwell. Best Chinese Pupil—Miss G. Lee. The following were the officials: Judges—A. Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Major F. Hogg, Major K. S. Simpson, Capt. L. M. Reidy and Mr. A. Hutton Potts. Committee—Messrs. F. Appleton, B. Charles, R. H. J. Brooks, R. Butler, E. S. Kerrison, W. G. Poy and R. E. Stoll.

Jack Chaucer Wins Red Cross Steeplechase Leopardstowne, Eire, Jan. 27. Mr. H. L. Egan's Jack Chaucer won the Red Cross Steeplechase by two lengths from Sterling Duke. Knockadrolan was third, eight lengths behind. The betting was: Jack Chaucer 4-1, Sterling Duke 12-1, and Knockadrolan 20-1. The race was held under the auspices of the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes. It was determined that the distribution of the sweepstakes prizes would be mostly to points in Western Europe since there was not time to get the tickets over-cashed—United Press. Reuter says there were 25 starters.

### Badminton Assn: Meeting

BADMINTON club secretaries are reminded that a meeting of the Badminton Association Council will be held to-morrow (Tuesday) in the S. O. M. Post boardroom at 8.30. The current season's Colony championships, and a full attendance of club representatives is requested.

## Rest Of The Colony Defeated By One Point

(By "Fly-half")

THE COLONY INTERPORT XV just gained the day over the Rest of the Colony by one point in their rugby match at Sookunpoo on Saturday; the actual score being 6 points (two tries) to a 5 (a goal). Both teams missed what appeared to be certain scoring opportunities through selfishness or over-eagerness, but as the chances missed were equally divided they had little bearing on the score.

The Colony side appeared to keep themselves in reserve, and in view of the near sailing date they adopted a sane policy, especially as the ground, in addition, was hard. Hutchison's inability to play owing to pressure of work, and Bosanquet's absence due to an injury which he is still nursing, considerably changed the effectiveness of the three-quarters. Although Van Leeuwen and Carter, who deputised, played reasonably well, they were not up to the standard of the absentees. Stewart and Bidwell did well together, and it was by them that Club's scores were made. Henderson, at full-back, was cool, but a little inclined to take his chance with the bounce of the ball before gathering. The halves, Charter and Thomson, played well and hard throughout. Charter surprised everyone by his buying of Boe's dummies. Thomson gave a good service from the scrum, and kept well up with play in the loose. He had a great tackle of D. H. Taylor out in the open, when the full-back was moving. OVERWORKED "WHEEL" CLUB FORWARDS kept their end up despite losing the push. Castleton, who played instead of Salter who is in Camp, did well to get the ball back as often as he did. The Interport side have shown a fear in the lineouts with Walkden, Godfrey and Taylor in their present form. Encouraged by their success last week with wheels, Club were inclined to overdo it on Saturday. Redman and Godfrey were a hard-working pair of wing forwards. Godfrey was badly at fault once when he tried to passing out to one of the three men, who were outside him and up with the play. Taylor again gave a polished display of fielding and kicking but still prefers to collar his man instead of tackling him. Kennedy had a fair margin of success in his marking of Stewart. Stevens was a disappointment. Waite, who deputised for Paul (suffering from a shoulder injury) had little difficulty in holding Caruthers, but could not "in turn get through" to the line. IN RAMPANT FORM BOE, brought in at the last moment in place of Hook, was in rampant

form, and had Charter, his vis-a-vis, going away from him by use of the dummy on several occasions. Unfortunately they came within least expected, and he found himself unsupported. Luscumb, at scrum-half, was too well marked to give him one opportunity of breaking away from the scrum. His service from the scrum connected with the outside, alright. Up forward, the Rest were best served by Taylor (Navy), Wright-Neath, Pinkeshaw and Cuthbertson. All the scoring was done in the second half when Stevens went over for the Rest for a try which was converted by himself. Near the end two swift tries scored by Stewart following good play between Bidwell and Stewart. Pinkeshaw, the Interport's victorious Castleton and then Henderson failed to convert.

### Club "A" Defeated

A TEAM, MAINLY RECRUITED just prior to the kick-off and styled the Rest of the Colony "A" defeated Club "A" by the narrow margin of 5 points (a goal) to 3 (a penalty goal). Interest in this game rested mainly on the display of two newcomers in Colony raggar, both having played a first class rugby in Scotland. Miller, a Harlequin P. player, who has played in Edinburgh in Scottish Inter-City trials, turned out for the Rest "A" at forward. He was obviously harassed by lack of training, having just come off a trooper. He was seen to best advantage in the lineouts, for which department he is well suited having great height. The other is McKee, a brother of the Scottish international, and like his brother, a former St. Andrew's University player. He was promising in Saturday's game in the lineouts and feet rushes. Having been at Amoy for a year, he has been out of rugby for a season. Club lost Nelson in the first half owing to a broken clavicle, sustaining a three-line tie was surprising that no forward was sent back. However, over keen tackling by the whole of the Club team aided by good covering up by Club's forwards, among whom Bompas, Hensman, Kennedy and McKee excelled, kept Rest "A" out. A GOOD SHOW LEIGH, a forward normally, put up a good show at inside threequarter, but lacked pace in attack. Lavalle was the only other three to shine. PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

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## BLACKOUT PIERCED BY NEW RAY

An "invisible light" for blackout cities and streets—claimed to be visible only in the path of a beam, but casting insufficient reflection to betray its presence—is being tried out by Netherlands authorities.

The new light, now being installed in cities of the Netherlands and on some of the main highways, was invented by a Netherlands Army Intelligence officer, Captain J. Blikker.

It is claimed that difficulties arising from blackouts have been overcome to a large extent by the device, described as a strong beam of light which is thrown in one direction and can be seen from a horizontal direction only.

Military units are enabled by the light to move at high speed during the night, completely unseen by planes above, according to published accounts.

The light is adaptable for use in auto lights, to mark traffic routes and street corners, and portable equipment of the beam light is being used by the Netherlands Army Signal Corps.

## C.O.'S NOTES "IN CASE OF A SLIP"

ON THE YORKSHIRE COAST.

A PALL of smoke, a blinding sheet of flames, and the laconic remark, "Well, that's another gone," tell of one more Nazi mine robbed of its power to destroy.

A handful of naval men, expert at disabling Hitler's internal machines, are daily risking their lives in this work on the rugged Yorkshire coast.

For two days I have shared with a photographer the dangers of the naval crew.

A telephone shrills at their G.H.Q.

A mine has been sighted. The crew hurry away by car. Our quarry, in sight among the boulders of a peace-time haven of muders.

Led by Lieut. Commander R. B. Edwards, the crew set to work.

A rope fastened round the mine draws it into position for the removal of the brass plate at the base.

With infinite caution, the crew disassemble the mechanism. One slip of the hand would mean death for all within 500 yards.

Block by block 500lb. of grey-green high explosive are levered out of the mine shell to be broken up by hammer blows.

A last look inside by Commander Edwards and then firefighters are inserted, among the explosive and set alight.

A thin wisp of smoke grows in volume until it darkens the sky and becomes suddenly transformed into a dazzling pyrotechnic display.

"That little lot," the Commander says, "had sufficient power to bring down 5,000 tons of air, or to lift your hat from your head at half a mile."

When a new type of mine is seen the crew leave it alone until the commander is called.

Alone he approaches the mine. In a notebook he sketches every detail of the new monster, then writes down the steps he proposes to take to disable it, and hands the notebook to his men waiting beyond the danger zone.

"If I make a mistake," he says in the matter-of-fact way of the Navy, "the book is left to show where I went wrong."

## NAVY WANT SMALLER SHIPS

New 40,000-Tonners Will Be Useless

THE fate of the Tacoma gives the war at sea pride of place in the news. The list of naval honours remind us of those other longer lists of brave seamen who have fallen in our service.

The old spirit still splendidly dominates the Royal Navy. So, also, do some of the ideas. We are fighting this war with the battleships of the last war.

We have eleven 30,000-ton battleships, and three even heavier battle-cruisers. All but two of the battleships (Nelson and Rodney, 1927) were completed in 1916-17. The latest battle-cruiser (Hood) was completed in 1920.

Five more battleships of the King George V. class will be completed next year. They are 35,000 tons and carry ten 14in. guns.

The keels are laid for four battleships of the Lion class. They will be 40,000 tons and mount 16in. guns, the heaviest afloat anywhere in the world. These craft will not be completed until 1943. This war will be over long before then.

I see no use for such great battleships. Against what possible enemy are we building them? About as well construct a Maginot Line along the Canada-United States frontier.

Not a bad place to put these 27,000-ton monsters would be the Great Lakes of Canada. No invulnerable coast commander could penetrate these Lakes to sink them with a £3,000 torpedo.

The craft the Navy need primarily are destroyers. After that, fast cruisers. This type of building must have priority.

## RUSSIAN SUPPLY PROBLEM

Abnormal Strain On Railway

BY A MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

WITHOUT indulging in wishful thinking, it is interesting to consider, in the light of reported disturbances among the population, some of the administrative problems that have to be dealt with by Russia's military staff and similar authorities in Leningrad.

There is, of course, the large civil population of the city to be fed and provided with fuel and other necessities, a problem that in some times, according to all reports, is not very successfully dealt with. Presumably a good deal is supplied from stocks in the surrounding districts, but much must arrive by rail, particularly in the winter months, when the Gulf of Finland is frozen.

It is, I think, safe to assume that the normal civil population has not to any considerable extent been evacuated. It may even have been increased by an influx of labour to assist military organisations. When one superimposes on the normal population the army in the isthmus, which must mean an additional quarter to half a million mouths, the food question alone must be a serious problem.

Added to that the railways have to carry troop trains, munitions and other military stores. Their congestion must be great. Leningrad is obviously a bottleneck and the conflict in it of civil and military interests must be acute. It would need an administrator of genius to ensure a smooth-running organisation.

There are many questions one would like to ask. We hear of fresh troops in many thousands from central Russia and even from Siberia. But what happens to troops withdrawn from the front after battle and how are the wounded disposed of? Are they filling the hospitals of Leningrad? How are the railways standing up to abnormal traffic and how long will they function efficiently?

It is not only the isthmus battle that must strain a railway. For the Murmansk railway has its southern terminus there. Although it may not involve using each line's terminus, the railways leading to Leningrad must certainly carry troops and other trains destined for the Murmansk line. The succession of Finnish victories all along the eastern frontier must therefore affect the whole railway system which centres on Leningrad. The strain they throw on the Murmansk railway itself is obvious. Fresh troops will be needed and much lost material will require replacement, in addition to enormous maintenance supplies.

One gathers that the Russians are making great use of motor transport with their forces on the eastern front. But how casualties in vehicles will be made good and how petrol supplies for continuous intensive working will be maintained it will be interesting to know. Greatly as I admire the gallantry and leadership of the Finns, I cannot help feeling that the measure of their success will depend to a great degree on the weakness or efficiency of Russian administrative services, which will be increasingly tested as the war goes on.

## 'SHOTLESS STRATEGY' KEEPS THEM GUESSING

BASLE. — The military strategists on the Western Front have not forgotten the old theory that the Walls of Jericho fell because trumpeters held their attention while the enemy attacked from the rear.

But in this modern war, there are whistles instead of trumpets, as both sides resort to their ingenuity to fool the other fellows.

Long after the French had abandoned the Warrand Forest last October, French scouts armed with officers' whistles kept the Germans guessing.

Later the same month, observers in Luxembourg noted long lines of trucks, presumably full of troops, moving away from the Moselle zone just the night before the Germans launched an attack that drove the French out of their hard-won positions between the Moselle and the Saar Rivers.

Always On The Watch

Whenever a neutral country lies close enough to a belligerent country to make it worth while for observers to come and see what they can see, the business of fooling the other fellow goes on.

German staff cars, loaded with poisonous gas as an Army would have to use to get any considerable number of men across the Rhine, rolled ostentatiously and slowly along a railroad in full view of the Swiss frontier in mid-October.

Up to that moment, the Rhine River frontier had been so quiet Swiss bargemen were considering seriously making both Paris and Berlin for permission to resume their business between the Maginot and Siegfried forts.

The day after those flat cars carried their poisonous past watchers on the Swiss side, French reinforcements arrived at Rhine River posts, and French observation planes buzzed across the river to see what was going on in Baden.

A Polite Warning

Another day the French, after giving German sentries a polite warning, blew up a footbridge over the Kems Damm above Basel. That very night the Germans had reinforcements in the forts across the river from Kems.

So far nothing has happened. The Germans have not used the footbridge, and the French haven't crossed the river.

Reports reaching Basle indicate most of the fooling is being done for the benefit of observation planes.

There has been little bombing from the air, but much about. From the air, a long line of trucks still is a long line of trucks whether they are empty or full, so the allied forces have been sending many columns of trucks dashing about for the benefit of German observation planes.

The Germans have plenty of soldiers with line on their hands, and they are kept busy laying out mock air fields, complete with dummy planes, for the benefit of wandering allied observers.

Dummy tanks—farm wagons covered with painted canvas—are reported to have been built in Germany for the time when they may be useful in simulating concentration of forces.

## RATIONS FOR THE PALACE

ARRANGED BY THE QUEEN

THE King, the Queen, the Princesses, and other members of the Royal Family will eat only the normal ration of butter, bacon, and sugar from to-day (first day of rationing). They have been issued with "commercial travellers' cards," the same as those given to all people who have to move about the country.

The King insisted that this method be adopted, and that no special arrangements should be made.

The Queen has drawn up special menus which come into force in all the royal kitchens to-day. They drop two courses from both luncheon and dinner.

Orders have been given for more fruit and vegetables to be served. To meet this extra demand the gardens at Windsor Castle, which supply all the royal residences, are being considerably extended.

## Nurmi Drops Tour

HELSINGFORS. — Paavo Nurmi, famous Finnish runner who has been diving a truck in removing citizens from Helsinki, said Dec. 12 he had abandoned plans to take Talsto Maki, currently Finland's outstanding distance runner, on a tour of the United States.

## Fritz Shows Off His Girl, Tries To Make The French Jealous

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.

SOMETHING white fluttered down out of the sky. It landed on the other side of the Rhine just in front of the house from which I could see peeping out of a square black window the round pink face of a German soldier keeping watch. The soldier did not bother to come out and pick up the white thing. He went on staring.

And then I saw why. Several white things were fluttering down towards us.

I got one that fell almost at my feet. It was a German leaflet. "French soldiers," it said to me, "you are wrong not to believe us that it was the English that dropped you into this war. Listen to what your great Napoleon said about them."

There followed some remarks about a nation of shopkeepers.

The sergeant saw me looking up for the airplane that was dropping the papers. "It's no use looking up there for the cuckoo that dropped that stuff. He flew over ten minutes ago. It always takes about ten minutes to come down."

Don't Shoot

Now these leaflet raiders had been exceptionally busy these last few days over the French lines along the Rhine behind it. It is part of a new intensified Hitler propaganda offensive trying on the old German game of splitting the French from the British, persuading the French soldier that he is bearing the brunt of this war alone, suffering alone in hardships and privations.

Where they are close enough to be heard as here on the Rhine they do their best with loudspeakers. They broadcast pro-French passages from Hitler's speeches, bits of invective against England from Schiller's "Jew of Arc," interlarding it all with the continual refrain, "We shan't shoot if you don't." They even do a spot of play-acting when the weather permits.

Public Kiss

They had one of their fellows out there the other day walking up and down the embankment holding an brass with a girl. He even kissed her. He was trying to make us jealous by suggesting that Fritz was allowed to have his girl up in the line.

"Then yesterday the same man came on with a woman and a kid. The kid played around and shouted 'Papa' at the top of his voice. Same stuff again. Well, we don't fall for it."

No, I do not think much of the effect of this Hitler propaganda on the French soldiers so far. But then what else is poor old Daddy Adolf to do? Sitting quiet and dropping his bad job. He would be crazy to make an offensive.

## DEFLATION PLAN

Ration System For Japan Considered

Low price and deflation policies have been decided upon by the Government as a result of yesterday's Cabinet conference.

The low price policy will be specifically directed to rice, coal and fertilizers. Adequate measures are being taken to ensure increased production of those products which are vitally necessary for daily life and for industry.

Dannung all transactions of dark exchanges and conducting a vigorous drive to encourage thrift, the Government also plans to ensure deflation of the currency.

The Government is studying the card system for daily necessities. The card system for rice and coal will be first studied, though some advocate the necessity of extending the system to wheat, barley, charcoal and soy.

The Government has decided to postpone establishment of the Trade Ministry planned by the Abe Cabinet, which caused the recent controversy with officers of the Foreign Office.

The products of agriculture, forestry and fishery in Japan in 1939 totalled in value Yen 5,005,130,000, an increase of 7 per cent. over the preceding year, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry announced.

Agricultural products increased by four per cent, forestry products by 32 per cent, and fishery products by 15 per cent. over the preceding year.

Speech By Premier

The contents of the speech by the Premier, Admiral Yonai at the Diet on February 1, will be approved by the Cabinet Council on Monday. He will stress the necessity of a complete settlement of the China Affair and reaffirm the Japanese Government's full co-operation with the new Central Government of China.

The Premier will also emphasize the "positive and independent" status of Japan's foreign policy in adjusting relations with Britain, America, the Soviet Union and other foreign countries.—Domei.

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## Anglo-Irish Unit To Help Finland

HELSINGFORS.—Nigel Allan, acting British Vice Consul, resigned recently to form a foreign legion of British and Irishmen to fight for Finland.

Mr. Allan had been active in moving British citizens from Finland.

The British Consulate has moved to Bjornborg on the west coast of Finland.

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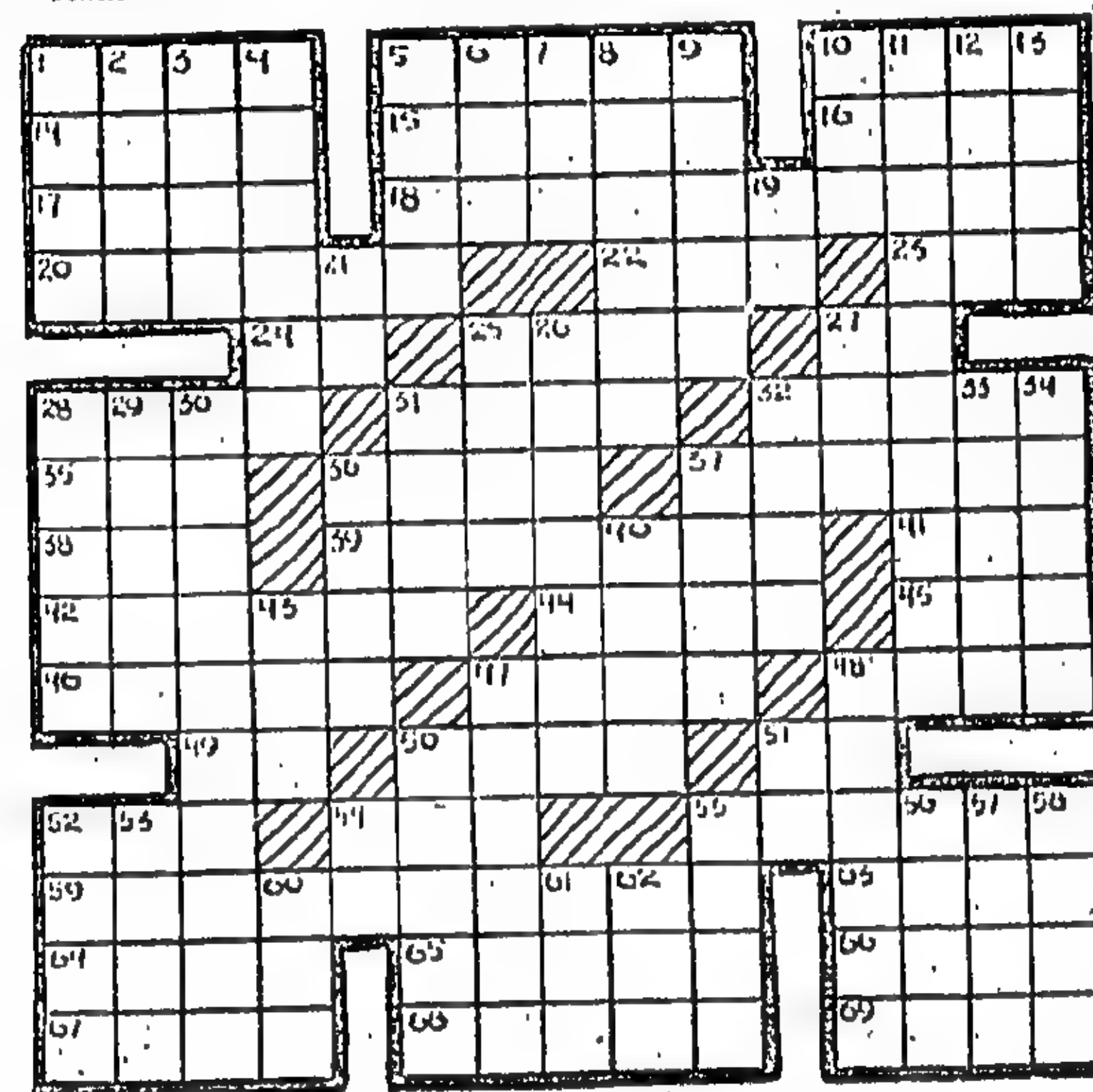
**STOCKHOLM.**—Frans Emil Sillanpaa, Finnish winner of the 1939 Nobel prize for literature, crossed into Sweden Dec. 12 at Haparanda on his way here to receive his prize. He was accompanied by his family. [The value of the Nobel prizes varies from year to year, but Paul Buck, 1938, winner for literature, received \$37,957.]

"Fleeting 'flu" is back again. This two-day variety is rampant in London, just as was at this time a year ago.

This year, it finds Britain's "Flu Squad" under Sir Patrick Laidlaw, the scientist who discovered the invisible virus responsible for influenza, with wartime preoccupations.

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## THE JEWELS

IT WAS on a warmish April day in Paris that the manager of the Hotel Clarence was astonished to see a bearded man wearing the fur-collared coat, fur cap, and heavy boots of a Russian emerged from the revolving door and stand gawking at the lobby's magnificence.

"Is there anything I can do for you, monsieur?" he inquired.

"No, no," replied the Russian, backing hurriedly out.

The manager's astonishment turned to mystification when a second man, similarly clad, entered, stared about and beat a hasty retreat, only to be followed by a third who examined the lobby hastily as he kept turning the revolving door which ejected him as quickly as he had entered.

The three Russians went into a huddle on the sidewalk.

"Comrades," said one, "why should we lie to each other? It's wonderful!"

"Let's be honest," said the second.

"Have we anything like it in Russia?"

They shook their heads in agreement.

"Can you imagine what the beds would be like in a hotel like that?" inquired the third.

"They tell me when you ring once the valet comes in," said the first. "When you ring twice you get the waiter, and when you ring three the maid comes in—a French maid!"

"Comrades," said the second, a gleam in his eyes, "if we ring nine times!—Let's go in!"

"Just a minute, Comrade Iranoff," said the first, "I have nothing against the idea, but I say let's go back to the Hotel Terminus. Moscow made our reservations there. We are on an official mission and have no right to change the order of our superior."

"Where is your courage, Comrade Buljanoff? Are you the Buljanoff who fought on the barricades? Are you now afraid to take a room with a bath?"

"I don't want to go to Siberia," said Buljanoff, stepping into their waiting taxi.

"If Lenin were alive," said the third Russian, "Comrade Kopalski, he would say, 'Buljanoff, Comrade, for once in your life you're in Paris. Don't be a fool. Go in there and ring three times.'"

"He wouldn't say that," objected Iranoff. "What he would say is, 'Buljanoff, you can't afford to live in a cheap hotel. Doesn't the prestige of the Bolsheviks mean anything to you? Do you want to live in a hotel where you press for the hot water and cold water comes and when you press for cold water nothing comes out at all? Phooey, Buljanoff!'"

"I still say our place is with the common people," replied Buljanoff, but weakening. "But, then, who am I to contradict Lenin? Let's go in!"

THE three men entered the hotel together and approached the manager diffidently. Kopalski introduced his comrades and himself as members of the Russian Board of Trade.

From the novel by M. LENGYEL

Adapted from the M.-C.-M. film by Lubbock Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

and inquired the price of rooms. "I'm afraid our rates are rather stiff," said the manager, anxious to get rid of them.

"Why should you be afraid?"

"Oh I might be able to accommodate you," said the manager, haughtily cycling their one suitcase.

"Is there some more luggage?"

"Oh, yes, but have you a safe big enough to hold this?"

"Not in our vault, but there is one suite with a private safe, but gentleman, I'm afraid."

"The apartment may suit your convenience but I doubt that it will fit your convictions. It's the Royal Suite."

The three Russians glanced at each other almost in consternation. Then they drew aside and consulted together in low voices.

"I warn you, Comrades," said Buljanoff, "if it gets out in Moscow that we stayed in the Royal Suite we will get into terrible trouble."

"We'll just say we had to take it," whispered Iranoff, "on account of the safe. There was no other safe big enough. It's a perfect excuse."

After further palaver, they returned to the manager. "Give us the Royal Suite," said Buljanoff. "And send up some breakfast."

WHILE his two comrades were placing the suitcase in the safe of the Royal Suite, and a Russian-looking waiter was setting the breakfast table, Kopalski went to the telephone in the ante-room.

"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

"Connect me with Mercier, the jeweller, please."

The waiter's hand, about to place the napkin, hesitated, remained suspended over the table as he listened to Kopalski.

"I want to speak with Monsieur Mercier personally," said Kopalski into the telephone.

"Monsieur Mercier? . . . This is Kopalski of the Russian Board of Trade. We arrived this morning . . . Yes, everything is here, the necklace, too. All fourteen pieces. . . . No, Monsieur, the court jewels of the Duchess Swasa consisted of but the fourteen pieces. . . . Yes, naturally we have all the necessary credentials."

The waiter hurried from the room. . . .

THE maid of the Grand Duchess Swasa opened the door of her apartment, and smiled at the elegant Parisian playboy who entered with the air of a man thoroughly at home.

"Good morning, Count d'Algot. Her Highness is still dressing."

"That's all right," replied the Count and entered the Duchess' boudoir with the easy air of an old friend. She turned towards him and he kissed her lightly.

"Good morning, Swasa."

"It's really a wretched morning, Leon. I can't get myself right. I wanted to look mellow and I look brittle. My face doesn't compose well. I am so bored with this face! . . . Why didn't you come last night?"

"Darling, I was busy looking out for your interests. Now, you can forget horse racing, roulette and the stock market. Our worries are over! You'll be in a position to give me that platinum watch at Mercier's—you remember, the one with diamond numbers."

"Oh, Leon, you are so good to me!" she murmured, slightly mischievously, and kissed him.

"You can be rich if you say the word. I had dinner with Guizet, the newspaper publisher last night. I sold him the idea of publishing your memoirs in the Gazette Parisienne."

"Oh, Leon!" she protested. "Sweetheart, we won't have to bother about our future if you are willing to raffle off your past!"

"Was it for this," sighed the Duchess, "that I refused to endorse Dr. Bertrand's mouthwash, or to say that the Vincent vacuum cleaner was the only one ever used by the Romanoffs! . . . And now you want me to smear my life's secrets over the front page of a tabloid!"

"I understand how you feel, but there is a limit to everything; particularly pride and dignity. The paper has a circulation of two million and Guizot is willing to pay any price!"

"Imagine two million clerks and shop girls peering into my life for a soul! Think of my lovely life being wrapped around cheese and blood sausages!"

BUT Count Leon d'Algot knew his Duchess Swasa and what note to play on.

"Well, I am the last person to persuade you; but don't do it blindly. If this is your decision, you must be prepared for the consequences—I will have to go to work."

Swasa got up and went over to him, and he knew he had been successful.

"Stop threatening, my little Volga boatman! I don't deserve this!" She kissed him. "Two million readers. I know exactly what they want. Chapter I. A Childhood Behind Golden Bars. Lovely Little Princess Plays with Rasputin's Beard."

There was a rap on the door and the maid entered. "Count Rakonin asks the privilege of a few words, Your Highness."

"Count Rakonin?" queried d'Algot.

"He's a waiter at the Hotel Clarence, poor devil. You know him. . . . Tell him I won't be able to see him for half an hour."

"The Count says if it could be as soon as possible. It is luncheon time and he's just between courses."

The Duchess, with a word of excuse, went into the living room.

"How, do you do, my friend?" she said giving the Count her hand. "Have you lost your job?"

"No, Madame, something of the utmost importance. Your jewels—"

"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

"They are here—your jewels! Here in Paris!"

"Alexis! Do you know what you are saying?"

"This morning three Soviet agents arrived. They are going to sell your jewels to Mercier. I overheard their telephone conversation."

"Did I hear something about jewels?" asked Leon d'Algot, appearing in the doorway.

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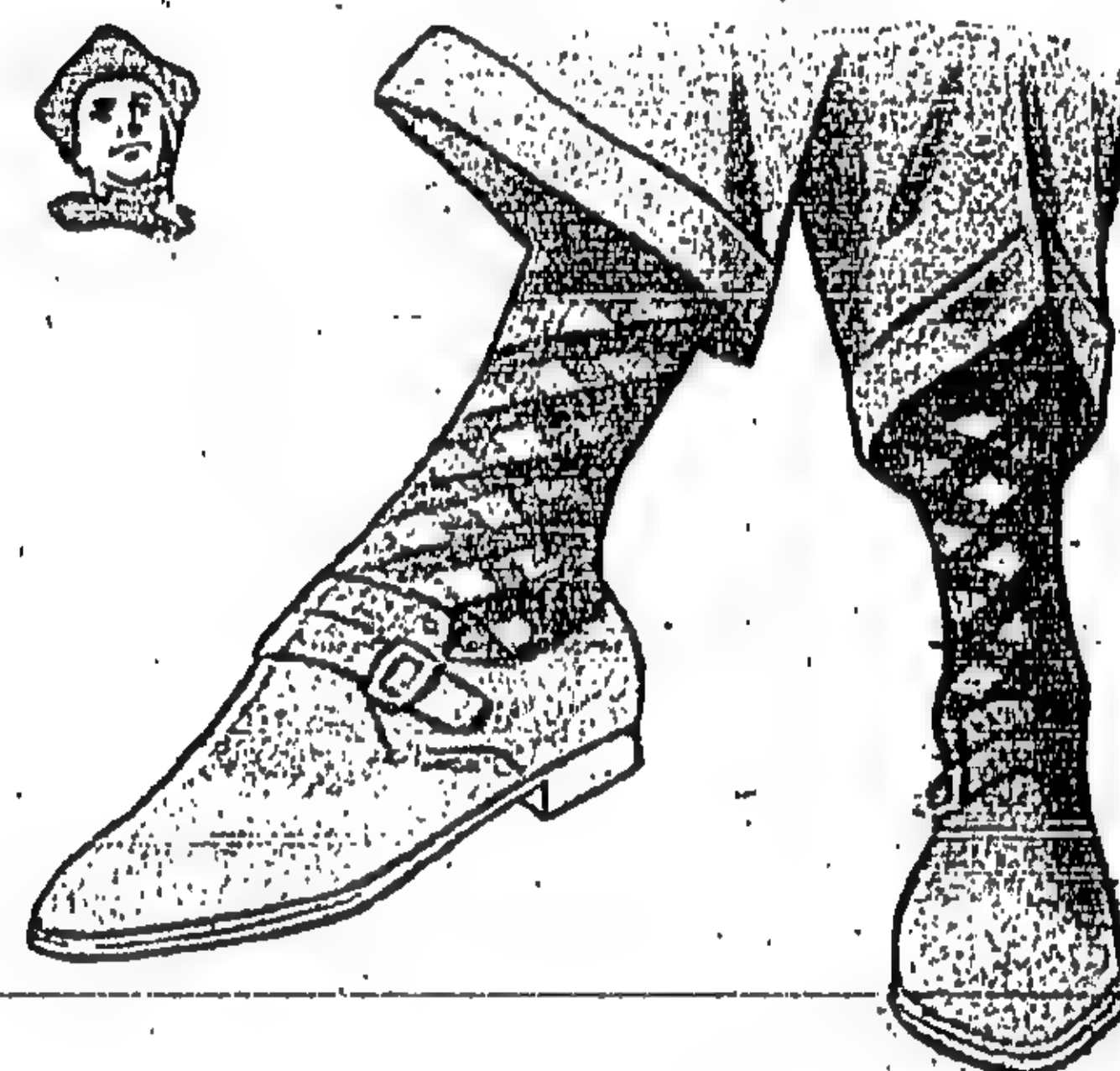
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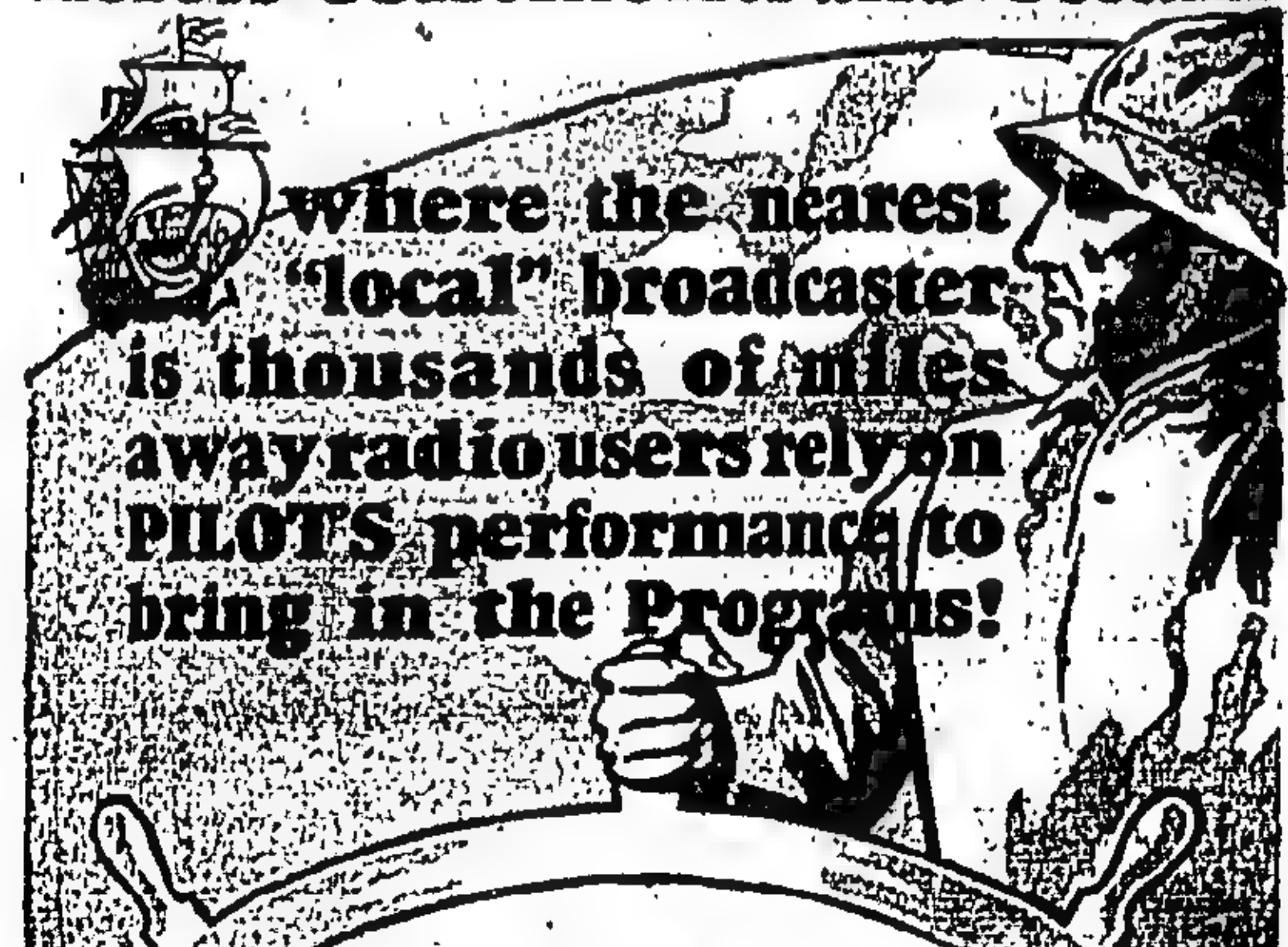


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COPENHAGEN, JAN. 29 (DOMEI).—IRRITATED AND PERTURBED BY THE MOUNTING LIST OF DANISH SHIPS WHICH HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO NAZI U-BOATS AND MINES, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME THE FIRST NEUTRAL STATE TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL FIGHT THE MENACE.  
The Government is now preparing new regulations, enforcing a convoy system for all Danish merchant ships.  
When the new measure is enforced, Danish ships will not be permitted to sail except in convoy with Danish or other neutral ships.

## Craigie To Negotiate Settlement Of Asama Maru Incident

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Jan. 29 (DOMEI).—It is learned from authoritative quarters that the British Government will authorise Sir Robert Craigie, the Ambassador in Tokyo, to effect an amicable settlement of the Asama Maru incident.

Although Britain still adheres to the point that the boarding of the Asama Maru and detention of 21 of its passengers was lawful, the political implications of the affair are to be taken into account by the British Ambassador.

## Will Get Back "Red Poland" Raczkiewicz Sees Intact Nation

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Once Germany is beaten, the Polish Government anticipates very little difficulty in recovering the part of Poland occupied by the Soviets, according to President Raczkiewicz, in an interview with a "Daily Telegraph" correspondent at Angers, the seat of the Polish Government in France.

## Pittman's Warning To Japan

President Will Have Wide Powers  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The Foreign Relations Committee of the U.S. Senate is to commence deliberations on the question of an embargo against Japan on Wednesday.

## TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

Barbed-Wire Barricade Electrified  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TIENTSIN, Jan. 28 (DOMEI).—The suggestion advanced by "United Press" that the tightening of the Japanese blockade of the British and French Concessions would be linked with the expiration of the Japanese-American treaty of commerce and navigation, has been denied by a Japanese spokesman.

## NEW ANTI-RED AGREEMENT?

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The "Asahi Shimbun" understands that in a recent conference with the Japanese Ambassador in Rome, Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister suggested that if because of the Soviet-German rapprochement Japan was dissatisfied with the Anti-Comintern Pact, a new group of Anti-Comintern powers might be formed.

## BOMBS ON VIIPURI

Stalin's Bombers Seek To Smash Defences  
By WEBB MILLER  
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT  
VIIPURI, Jan. 28, (UP).—Air raid sirens were shrieking the warning of another impending air raid when I entered the shattered city of Viipuri late this afternoon.

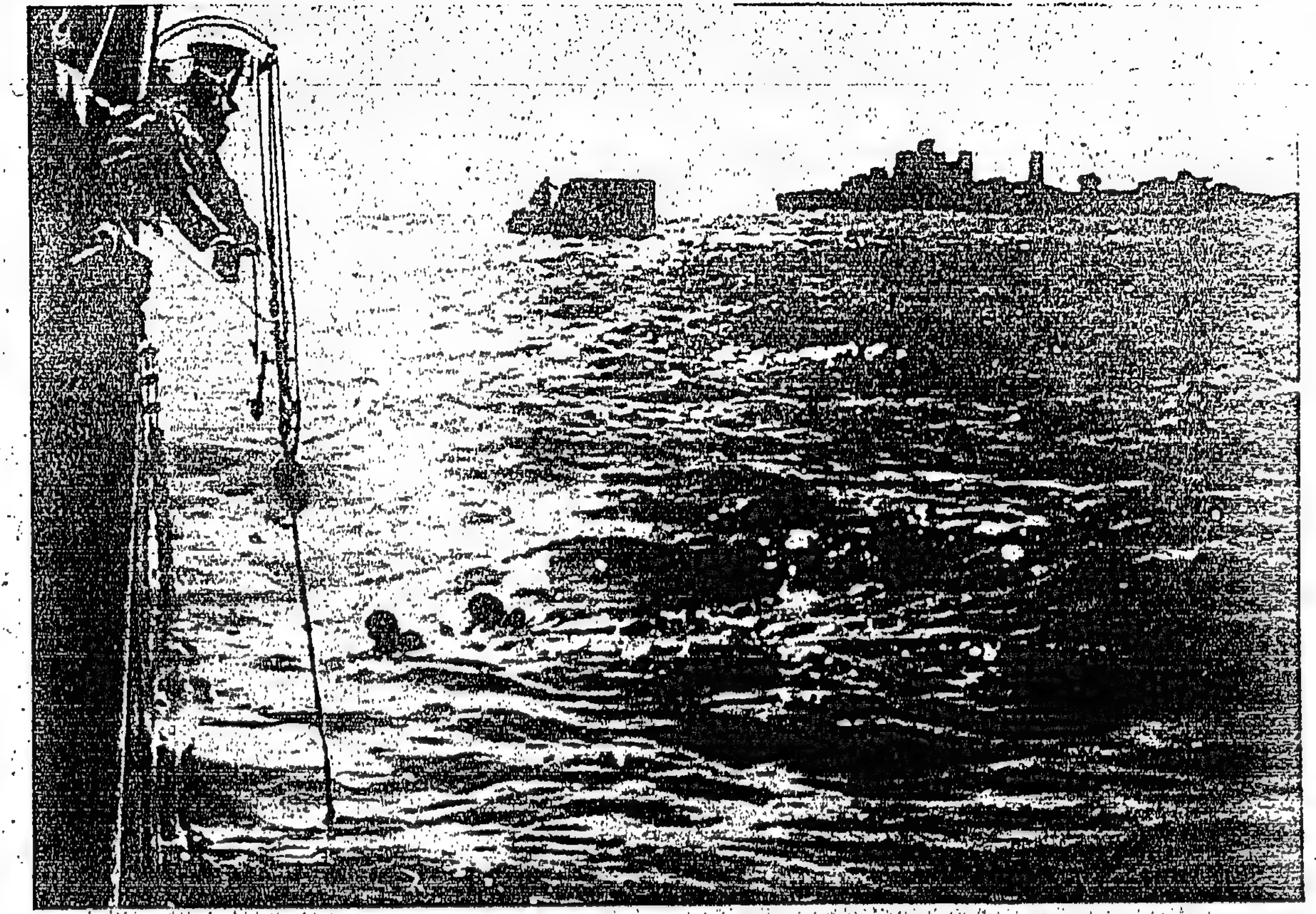
## Opposition To Embargo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Efforts to side-track legislation to impose an embargo on exports to Japan, but to extend additional financial aid to China, are gaining some headway in the Senate, according to current reports.

## Informal Advice

It is stated that Mr. Cordell Hull has informally advised the legislative leaders that the State Department preferred that no embargo should be imposed at present.

## Dramatic Picture of Sinking U-Boat



This is the first photograph to be taken in this war of the sinking of a U-boat. Sound detectors told the destroyer that there was a pirate around, and depth charges were dropped. The U-boat made desperate efforts to get away unseen. But the depth-charges had found their target and water began to spurt in, so the U-boat was forced up to the surface. Immediately the destroyers fired on it. You can see two of the U-boat men swimming desperately to a rescuing British destroyer, while another, on the conning tower, prepares to leave the doomed craft.

## Stalin May "Postpone" Offensive Against Finland: Heavy Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 28 (UP).—The eight-day Russian drive northeast of Lake Ladoga has failed to puncture the Finnish lines.  
To-day's communique says: "The attacks were weaker than on previous occasions and hundreds have been added to the death roll."

## LATEST DRAMATIC ATTACK

Japanese Foreign Office Blamed For—  
1.—Asama Maru Incident  
2.—The War in China  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Jan. 29 (UP).—While the Japanese Gaimusho (Foreign Office) was to-day drawing up a second protest to Britain regarding the Asama Maru incident, it was subjected to a sudden and unexpected attack by the influential "Asahi Shimbun."

## Shell For Shell

In addition to daily bombing raids, the Red navy has bombarded Kolovise daily for the past ten days. It is estimated that two thousand shells have fallen on the island.  
The thunder of heavy cannonading is incessant. The Finnish coastal batteries are answering the Red bombardment shell for shell.

## AMERICAN LOAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The question of an American loan to Finland will come before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate which must give its approval on Wednesday.

## BRITAIN AND GREECE SIGN NEW AGREEMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Jan. 29 (DOMEI).—Great Britain and Greece have concluded a new Financial and Economic Treaty, according to an official announcement this morning.

## Hongkong Officer Prisoner In Reich

Peak Residents Hear Of Son-in-Law's Safety  
THE NEWS that their son-in-law is a prisoner of war in Germany was heard by Mr. J. H. R. Hance, of Peak Mansions, on the mid-day news broadcast to-day.

## Announced By Zeezon

Previous to his appointment last year to H.M.S. Starfish, Lieut. Kyrke was attached to H.M.S. Regent in Hongkong.

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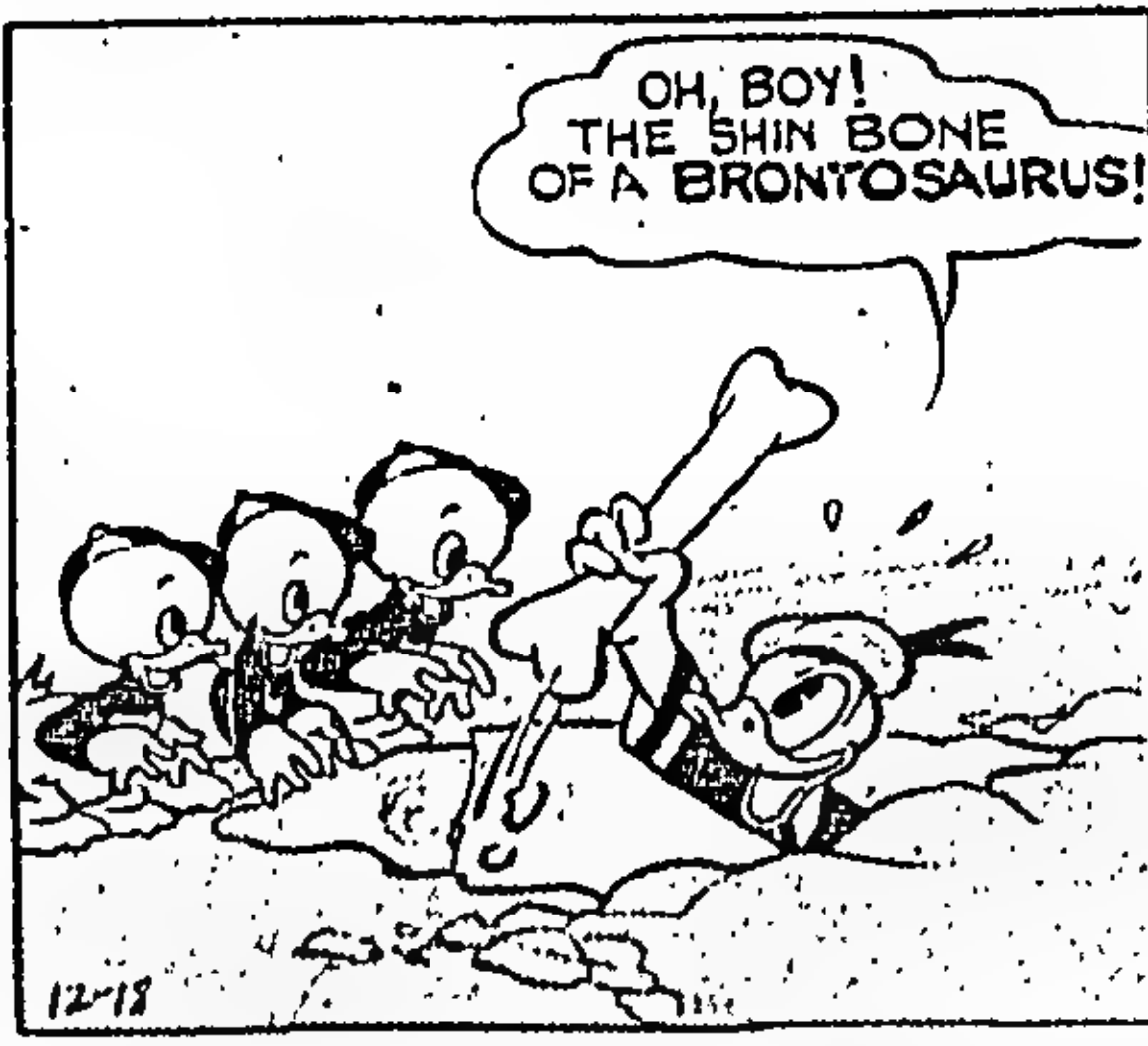
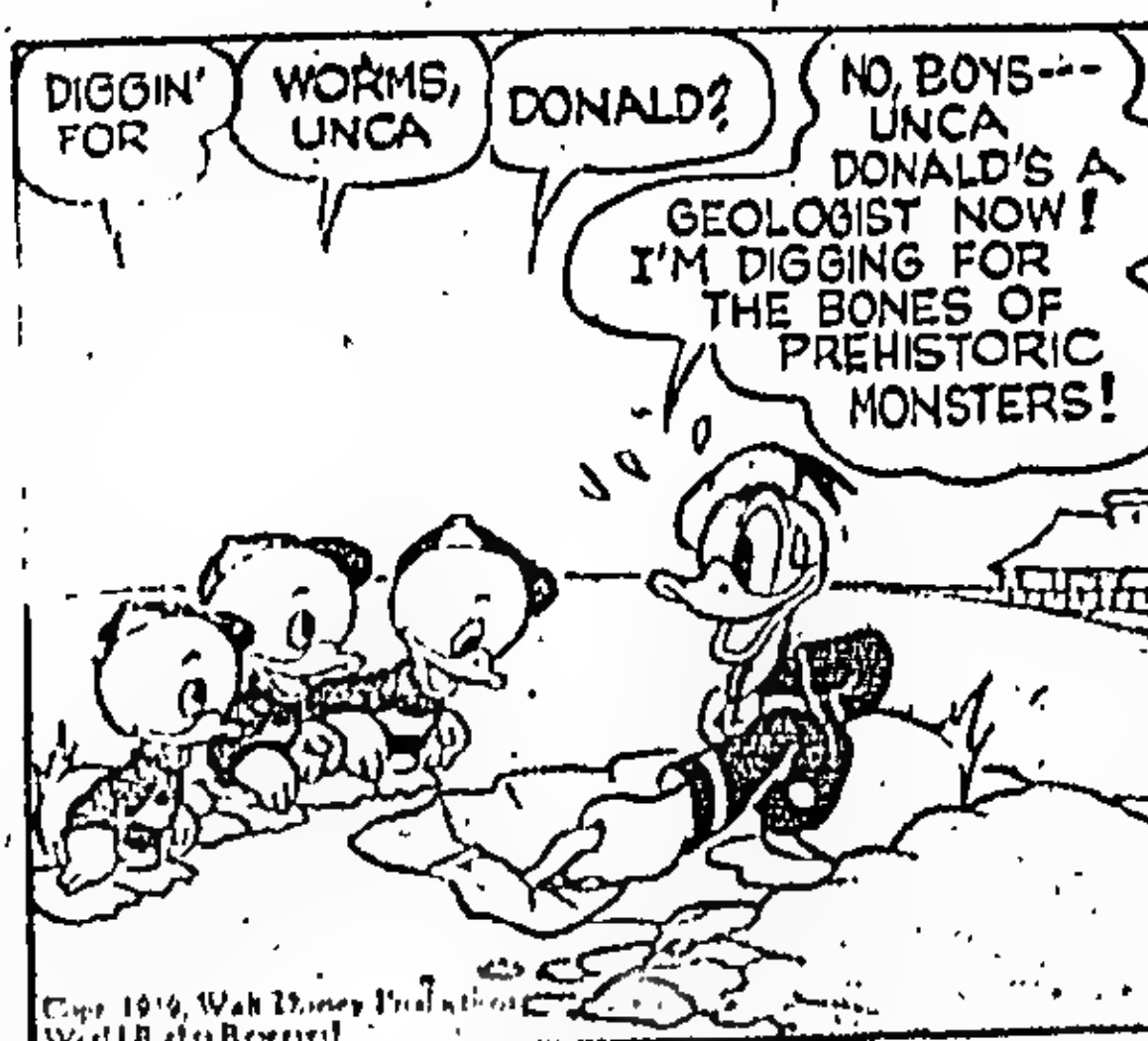






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### And Nurse Ashley Never Put It On Again

NURSE ASHLEY went off duty at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, to become for twenty-four hours the Hon. Mrs. R. M. C. Ashley, at her home, The Hall, Six-Mile Bottom, near Newmarket, which stands in 8,000 acres of shooting ground.

For the woman who, at her wedding in 1927 was known as “the £70,000-a-year bride,” is rapidly forgetting her society life in the joy which stern hospital discipline and hard work have brought to her.

Yesterday, for instance, she did not throw a cocktail party to celebrate her leave.

Instead she threw open The Hall to the villagers and ran a wheelbarrow to raise money for comforts for the troops.

#### Qualified

Her hands are roughened with work. There is no polish on her nails, no make-up on her face.

“But I like it,” she said. “I am really happy in my job.”

“I detest the idea of playing at nursing as some society women do. I scrub floors, make beds, and hold sick heads. And I have been in attendance at fourteen operations.”

“I have qualified as a junior probationer nurse. In the hospital most of them only know me as Nurse Ashley. That is as it should be. One day—when I appeared—with a little lipstick on my face, a matron told me to go and wash my face. She was quite right. I never did it again.”

“None of us knows how we shall live when this war is over. I feel I must have a profession at my finger tips. It is my duty to become a useful citizen.”

#### Like Waterloo

“Since war started my house has been like Waterloo Station. People are coming and going all the time. I gave up half the house to twenty-four evacuees, ten mothers and fourteen children. Although the children had fifteen hundred acres of garden and park land to play in, they used to go down and play on the road.”

“Poor things! They were homesick for the traffic, so back they all went, saying ‘Thank you for a nice holiday.’”

But she didn’t tell me that the whole village loved her, that they feel she is doing her job well, making the villagers and their comfort and problems her first consideration.

She didn’t tell me that at a soldiers’ camp a mile away they get dozens of cakes and pies sent up every week from her kitchens.

#### Doing Her Bit

She didn’t tell me either about the two shooting brakes she had given to be made into ambulances, nor mention that after hard days at the hospital she runs weekly socials and dances to provide comforts for the troops. She has given up one room of her house to the village women, where they meet and knit socks and woollens for the soldiers. If she is there she joins them.

Down at The Green Man in the village the publican, Mr. Gardner, smiles with pride at the mention of her name.

“She’s a lovely lady,” he said, “and certainly doing her share to win the war. I’ve known her since she was so high.”

And Mrs. Gardner added, “She is a grand woman. Although she is often worn out after a day’s nursing, she always has a happy smile for us, and she can’t do too much for us or for the soldiers.”

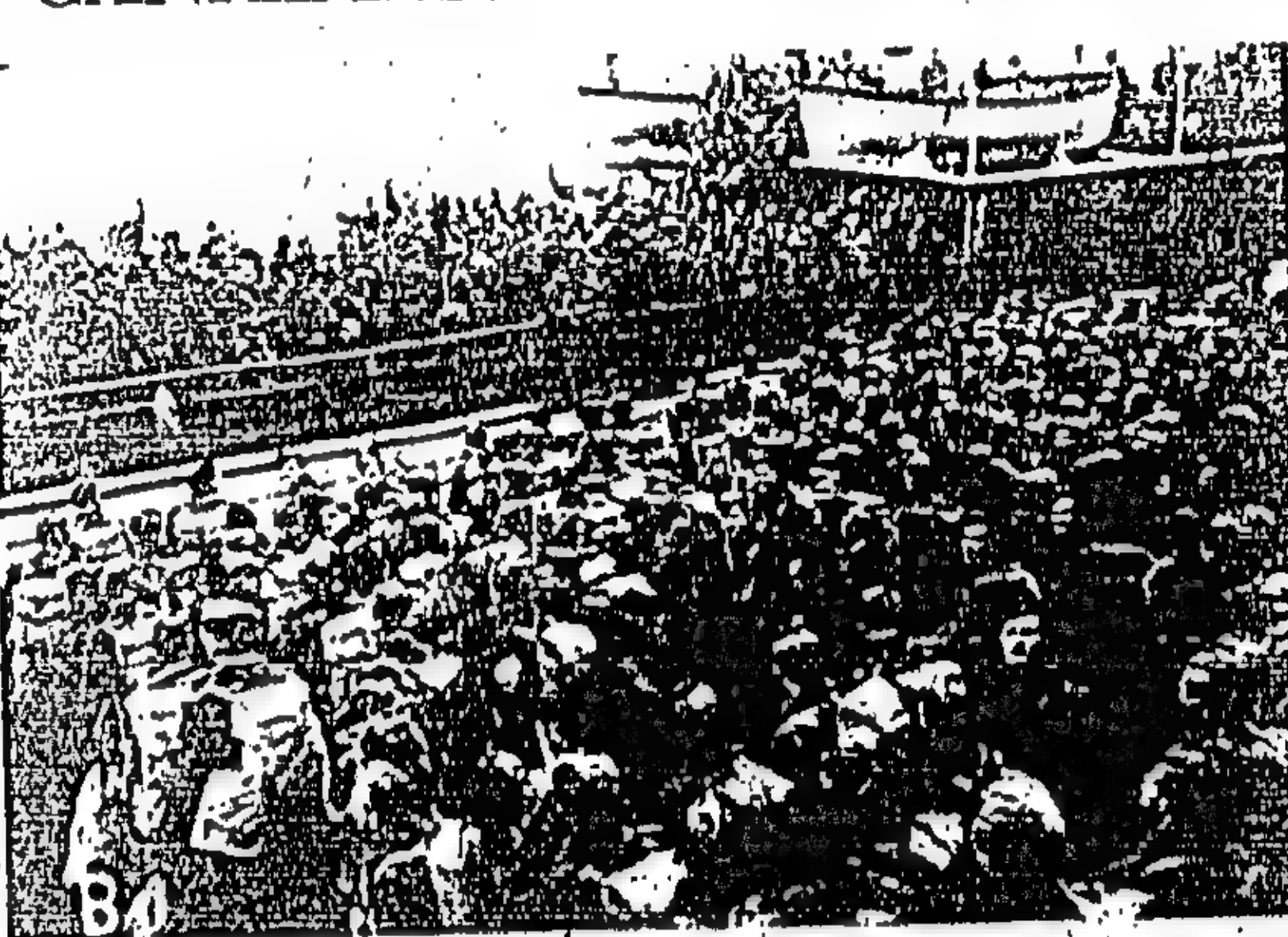
#### Hard Work

Society friends are amazed at the whole-hearted way in which she has gone into this job of hard work of the type she has never done before.

They remember her as daughter of the first Baron Mount Temple, sister of Lady Louis Mountbatten; as wife (until the marriage was dissolved this year) of Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, M.P. for St. Marylebone, who taught the King and the Duke of Windsor to fly.

But Nurse Ashley, unlike her friends, is not reminiscing. She is looking forward . . . to the day when she will have won for herself somewhere the position of matron.

## CANADIANS IN ENGLAND



CANADIAN TROOPS landing “Somewhere in England” for the first time in 23 years. They were the first overseas forces to arrive.

## CENSORING THE POLITICIANS

OTTAWA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, is not making the customary trans-continental tour in connection with the general election which falls on March 26.

Any election speeches which are broadcast will have to be censored in accordance with the defence regulations of Canada.

## Carried Too Many Passengers

Charged with arriving in the Colony on January 25 with more than 12 passengers aboard his vessel, Captain A. N. Storm, master of a British steamer, appeared in the Marine Court this morning.

Accused pleaded guilty and was fined \$300 by Commander G. F. Hole. Mr. J. Dickson, Boarding Officer prosecuted.

It was alleged in Court that the steamer carried 40 passengers.

## Nazis Willing To Co-operate?

BERLIN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Nazi Government is reported to be drafting a conciliatory reply to the request of the 21 American republics regarding the formation of a 300-mile “safety zone” around the Americans.

The Nazis are expected to express their desire to co-operate if Britain and France do the same thing.

## RIOTING IN RANGOON

### Hooligans Create Disorder

SINGAPORE, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The Commissioner of Police in Rangoon has issued a statement about the rioting which occurred during a Hindu procession yesterday.

Only hooligan elements were involved, he reports. One man was killed in the rioting and three others died later of their injuries.

The area has been quiet since Saturday night.

#### Four Killed

RANGOON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Four were killed and 80 injured in Saturday’s riots, caused when a religious procession was attacked by Moslem hooligans.

## JUDGE ASKED FOR QUICK MERCY

FORTY-EIGHT hours after Winifred Mary Watts, unmarried mother, had been sentenced to death, she was reprieved.

Winifred Watts lived in the village of Ashill, near Ilminster, in Somerset. She loved a man and hoped that before long they would be married. She was nineteen.

After her baby son was born, Winifred Watts went on loving and hoping for five more months.

Then she learned that her hopes were vain. The man was married already. So she killed her baby.

When her story was told at Taunton Assizes the jury found Winifred Watts guilty of murder. They strongly recommended her to mercy.

Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson said quietly: “There is only one sentence.” He hid his face as he pronounced the words of death.

Then he said:—

“I sincerely hope that those whose duty it is to exercise mercy will feel able to do so very speedily in your case.”

## Defendant Weds Plaintiff

YUBA CITY, Cal. (UP).—Less than 10 minutes after Judge H. D. Moncur gave Mrs. Clema Ayers, 25, a six-months suspended sentence for disturbing the peace, he married her to Fred Conklin, 47—the complaining witness.

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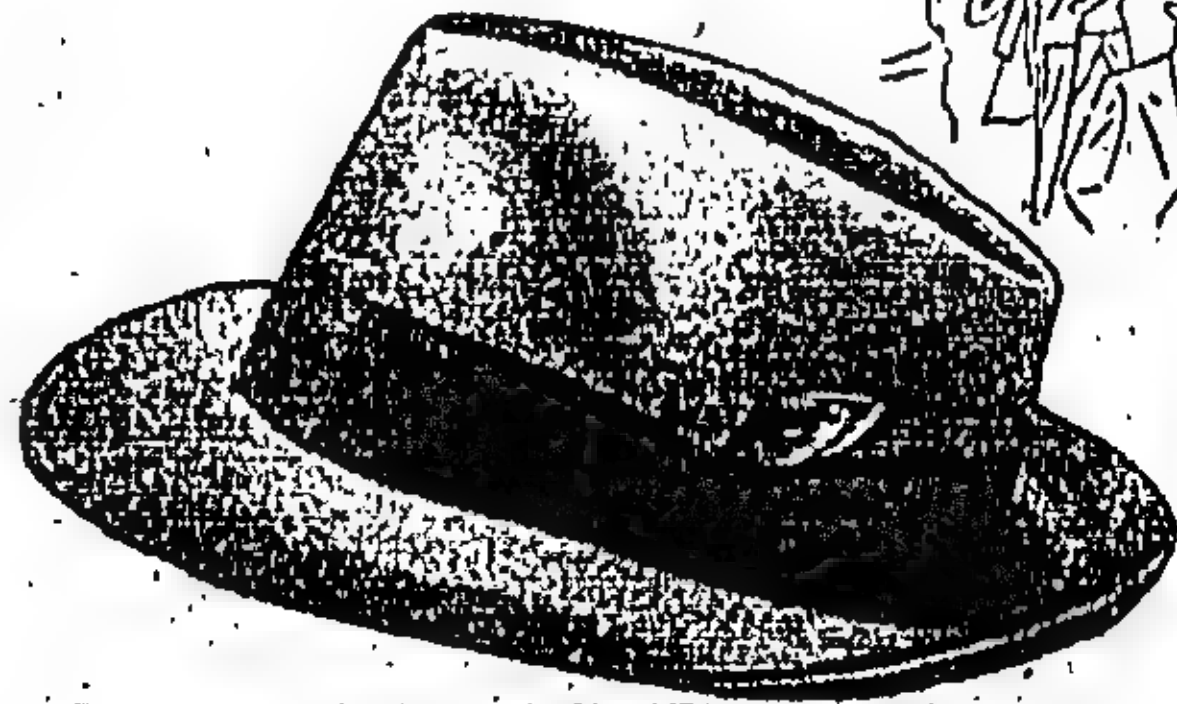
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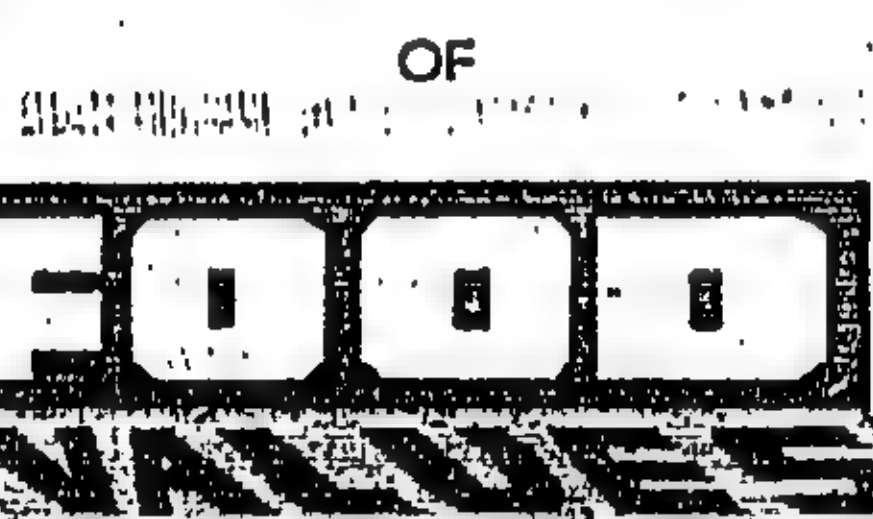
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#### Diminishing Mercy

The treatment of the Poles and the Czechs by their German masters takes the mind back to the worst legends of the great Asiatic conquerors. These two nations are to be turned into slave States. They are regarded by the German Government as so many millions of human beings whose homes, property, lives, and labour are to be used by their conquerors at their pleasure. It is amazing, when we read of these expropriations, these forced migrations, these plans for settling Poles and Czechs where they can best serve their masters, to think that the ruler of Germany still speaks of the Treaty of Versailles as a monster of injustice.

A decree has been issued in Berlin stating that compulsory labour service for projects of particular "State importance" was to be enforced in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. What is there in the Treaty of Versailles comparable with this? If that treaty was intolerably harsh, what would be said of it if it had provided that great numbers of Germans were to be rooted up from their homes and set down in Britain and France to work for the British and French Governments? In what language would it have been described not only in Germany but in Britain as well? At this moment great bodies of Polish civilians are so employed in Germany. Poles and Czechs are treated as chattels.

The Germans hope by these methods not only to serve their large exploiting plans but also to break the spirit of the two nations.

The terrible events of the last few years suggest a sad reflection. The world to-day is more humane in most respects than it was a century ago, but the use made of power by those who can seize it is more ruthless. Napoleon was ruined by his fantastic ambition, but he was a merciful conqueror when compared with Hitler. He did not fill the Europe he mastered with concentration camps or flood with unnumbered fugitives the Europe that was still free. There were countries where his rule was remembered with gratitude and almost with affection. As for his nephew, Napoleon III of the second Empire, the worst that can be said of him would paint a ruler mild and tolerant if we turn to our modern dictators. He was responsible for the casualties of the coup d'etat of December, 1851, but he did not will them. Indeed the bloodshed in the streets of Paris was as damaging to his temperance. To-day, nobody can read Victor Hugo's chastisement of a tyranny that would name without thinking of the thunder that would have shaken Europe if he had lived to see the planned massacres, the concentration camps, the cold and deliberate cruelty on which Hitler builds his State. What is the significance of this growth of ruthlessness? One explanation is that both Napoleons wanted something besides power for themselves and their State. Hitler wants to use the European peoples whom he can subdue, as he would use any colonies he might recover, as reservoirs of human labour for the service of the German race. He sees the life of man in no other aspect. His pursuit of this purpose is undisturbed by any



TIME BOMB!

## WHAT THEY ARE THINKING IN ITALY

ROME.

**F**ORTY-FOUR MILLION Italians have ringside seats, ensconced behind the bulwarks of the Alps, watching the European war. They are fearful of what the future will bring.

Mussolini's recent messages have caused widespread relief, in spite of official cold douches from London and Paris, and hopes that the nations will sit down at a conference to discuss European ills are still advanced.

The Duce's efforts to consolidate a Southern European peace bloc are followed with keen interest. His first success, scored with Greece, and the conversations now proceeding with Yugoslavia are hopeful signs that the Duce's dream of a united Southern European peace front is still maturing. Bulgaria is considered a good ally, linked by marriage to Italy's royal house, while Hungary is a proven friend.

Rumania's position is uncertain, but the Italian forecast, following the Soviet's move along her border, is that Rumania will veer under Italy's wing. Reports of the withdrawal of Italian troops concentrated in the Dodecanese, which were relayed from London, are evidence of a gesture towards Turkey and of the Duce's peaceful thrust in Southern Europe continuing.

The results of the Turkish Foreign Minister's Moscow visit are followed keenly.

The certainty of Italian neutrality has kept Turkey at bay and it is felt that Ciano has played the first move on the Southern European chessboard brilliantly. Practical Italians foresee fruitful exchanges of raw materials between Italy and the Balkans now that the Nazis are busy fighting.

Unhindered sea communications offer an excellent way of

of the larger impulses that moved the Napoleons. The traditions to which he reverts are not those of Roman but of Oriental empire. That is why the struggle on which we are engaged to-day, and the constructive efforts on which we hope to be engaged to-morrow, have for their object the defence of the most elementary of the rights of man.

reviving the anaemic ports of Fiume and Trieste for communications with the Balkans. The Balkans have many materials which Italy can buy in exchange for machinery and manufactured articles.

A typical comment on Russia of the Italian man-in-the-street, who is poring over maps displayed in shop windows showing the Russian gains, is:

"Well, Russia seems to be doing well. Chi ci capisce whispering campaign unparalleled in seventeen years of Fascism."

Russia's entry into Axis high society is a blow and raises many questions. Italians do not understand why Britain and France have not helped Poland.

The queerest stories, apparently quite unfounded, are whispered from lips to lips. Mussolini, knowing full well the pulse of the nation, since he is informed by his chief carabinieri and police chiefs, found the appropriate moment to stem this campaign, which, according to diplomatic circles, will now be considered childish by Italians relentlessly curbed.

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### GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Gee! I wish I was only six years old and had only a dollar to spend!"

What of the future? Italians are philosophical, for the present neutrality is assured for at least one month. But the question is: "What happens if Hitler calls?"

That the Pope and the Duce are working for peace is comforting, but an ominous sign is seen in recent broadcasts extolling the valour of the heroes of the last war. A.R.P. instructions are especially broadcast in the lunch-hour telling how one should deal with gas-bombs and burning lofts, and so on, and how to economise in fats and food.

While she is striving to increase her foreign trade with a save and sell campaign, Italy appears to be taking no chances. A modest Italian woman asked me: "Why do nations scrap like women in a back court when a mutual interchange of deficient materials would solve all their difficulties?"

There is a widespread feeling of sympathy with Poland and respect for the valour of the Polish troops, but in the view of practical observers Poland would have benefited by climbing down to the German demands, as is evidenced by the present result of the war.

In the meantime Italy is very busy concerning on tightening her belt still further—a practice indulged in since the beginning of the Abyssinian campaign.

Life here has been revolutionized. We are short of coffee and young men are unable to take their best girls for a Sunday drive. Private cars are allowed only for the "national interest." The platinum blondes are barred from their moonlit car drives.

The nation is calm, but there is a general feeling of uneasiness about what the future holds. There is a widespread impression that every day out of war profits, the nation as a whole, and that time may find a solution which will not involve the Italians and will cure the world once and for all of its present ills.

Meanwhile the man in the street congregates round the wireless sets to hear the latest bulletins from the Western Front. He is very curious to know how the impregnable Maginot and Siegfried barriers can be pierced.



# Kowloon Dairy Farm Sued By Manager For Re-Possession Of Property

## COUNSEL ALLEGES COMPANY "HOPELESSLY INSOLVENT"

Allegations that the Hongkong Dairy Supply Co., Ltd. had been hopelessly insolvent and had existed only through the benevolence of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank were made before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Supreme Court this morning, when the Company was sued by Mr. George Emanuel Ahwee for damages for alleged breach of agreement in relation to the Kowloon Dairy.

Plaintiff also sought to regain possession of the property, mesne profits from May 31 last, and an injunction restraining defendants from using the trade name "Kowloon Dairy" and trade mark No. 63 of 1925.

Defendants counter-claim damages allegedly suffered through the misconduct of plaintiff while he was in their service as farm manager.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. D. H. Blake, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for plaintiff. Defendants were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo S. D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Offered \$100,000.

Mr. Potter said his client was proprietor of a very old and well-established dairy farm known as the Kowloon Dairy. The business was founded by his father as far back as 1902, and plaintiff succeeded to it in 1921. It was an enterprise very well-known in the Colony, and owing to the energy of father and son it had become so valuable that in May, 1939, the Dairy Farm offered to buy it for \$100,000 in cash.

The defendant company was a private limited company and was registered on September 10, 1937. It consisted of about 28 to 30 members. Its authorised capital was \$200,000, but the actual cash capital at the end of June last was \$112,300 because certain shares were issued for consideration other than cash.

Since June, further cash capital had been raised—\$17,050 in July and \$250 this month. With the exception of these Chinese members of the company came from what he (Mr. Potter) might call, the English community of Kowloon and Hongkong. The Directors of the Company at the material periods in 1939 were Mr. E. C. Fredericks, Mr. E. Lewis, Dr. S. S. Strahan and Dr. Arthur Woo. Dr. Strahan and Dr. Woo left the Colony at the crucial periods of April and May, the former for good and the latter on leave. Mr. Fredericks and Mr. Lewis also resigned during that period. The Secretary was Mr. Dalziel.

### Agreement With Plaintiff

The business of the Company for about the first 12 months was mainly confined to the sale of re-constituted milk, which was not very successful. On October 27, 1938, the Company entered into an agreement with plaintiff for the purchase of his property, and that agreement, Mr. Potter said, had been broken in almost every material particular. "We shall," went on Mr. Potter, "prove from admitted documents that at all material times, the Company was utterly insolvent. They were never in a position to carry out the agreement, but that they held out to plaintiff's property from November 1, 1938 until the present date, with the result that plaintiff had suffered a most serious injustice, besides a very considerable loss of money."

### Deny Insolvency

Referring to the pleadings, Counsel said that the Company admitted everything except that they were insolvent. They further denied that they had failed to carry out the agreement and counter-claimed for specific performance of it. Under the agreement, the Company offered to issue the first debenture to plaintiff, but in fact at all times they were never able to do because if they did the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank would have put them into liquidation. The reason they gave for the delay was that they were temporarily in financial difficulties.

"I say they were hopelessly insolvent and existed only through the benevolence of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank," said Mr. Potter. Continuing, Counsel said the case for the plaintiff would be proved to the hilt by agreed correspondence, which would also overwhelmingly establish that at all material times, the Company was utterly insolvent.

### Agreement Described

The Company entered into an agreement with plaintiff on October 27, 1938 to purchase the business at Salford Road, known as the Kowloon Dairy, for \$31,520 to be paid by the issue of debentures. In the firm, other terms agreed were the payment of a rent of \$4 for each head of cattle, or \$800 a month, and the employment of plaintiff as manager of the farm at \$500 a month, besides commission. The Company at that time also undertook to raise a further sum of \$100,000 cash capital within 24 months, following which plaintiff should have the right to demand for the issue of the debentures.

After the agreement had been signed, it was agreed that it should be put into force on December 1, 1938. Since then, the Company had been in possession of the property but up to now they had not paid a single farthing except the rent and plaintiff's salary. In other words, the hopelessly insolvent company had

### History Of Broken Promises

The case, went on Mr. Potter, would be a chapter in the history of broken promises. The first was in connection with a mortgage which plaintiff had with the Chinese Bank for \$30,000. The Chinese Bank destroyed that mortgage but paid off, and it was arranged that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank should take it over to the extent of \$30,000. Anything over that amount would have to be paid off, and it was arranged that the defendant company should pay this to the Chinese Bank but not more than \$3,000. Actually, the surplus was only \$1,500 but when the Company was called upon to pay this comparatively trivial sum, they failed to do so. This was due to two alternatives: either they failed to do so and broke their promise or they were unable to. It seemed likely it was because of the latter alternative.

The reason why the Company undertook to pay off the surplus was because they had agreed to do so. Plaintiff had agreed to take over. As a result of their failure to pay, the lease was held up because it was to be issued to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank subject to the mortgage.

Dealing with the correspondence, Mr. Potter said the first interview between the parties took place on April 13 when Mr. Dalziel informed the plaintiff that the Company could not issue the debenture because the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank would not allow, and asked him to consider any other form of security. The reason why the Bank was in a dominant position was because the Company had a very large overdraft at that time. Yet in spite of that they had pleaded they were willing at all times to carry out the agreement.

### Meeting At The Bank

The following day, another interview took place at which plaintiff was informed that the debenture could not be issued because not only had the Bank threatened to put the company into liquidation but had also asked them to raise \$75,000 more capital.

As a result of this interview, a meeting was held at the Bank the next day, at which Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Watson were present for the Bank, and Mr. Fredericks, Mr. Dalziel and Mr. Wadsworth for the Company. Plaintiff attended personally with his brother and his solicitor, Mr. Hugh-Jones.

The Bank confirmed that they had not allowed the Company to issue the first debenture to plaintiff, but after the whole position had been explained, Mr. Edmondson suggested that Mr. Ahwee could have the first debenture and the Bank in return provided that a sum of \$50,000 cash capital must be raised by the Company. Mr. Fredericks thereupon undertook to call a meeting on the following Monday for the purpose of ascertaining whether the money could be raised or not. He promised to notify the Bank of the result, but up to the present day plaintiff was still ignorant of it.

At that time, the overdraft which the Company had with the Bank amounted to \$81,000, and it could be seen therefore that it would be impossible for the Bank to be paid even if everything the firm possessed, including the plaintiff's property, were sold.

### Initialed Memorandum

After the meeting at the Bank, Mr. Dalziel had a number of interviews with plaintiff, the upshot of which was a memorandum initialed by both, setting out among other things that plaintiff should resign from his position as manager of the farm, give up his interest in the Amalgamated Dairies, Ltd., and that he should leave the Colony. As a matter of fact, plaintiff had in his mind at that time that if he could get a substantial payment he would go to Singapore and start a business there. On May 11, Mr. Dalziel sent a letter to plaintiff making a fresh offer. In place of the debenture, he offered 4,000 shares in the Company and a cash payment of \$10,000. Further the rent was to be reduced to \$3 for each head of cattle, and that he should no longer remain as manager of the farm. This offer was immediately made known to the Bank, who replied that so far as they were concerned they were not prepared to grant any further facilities to the Company which, they understood, was going into liquidation. The case is proceeding.

## ACUTE RICE SHORTAGE IN JAPAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Japan is facing an acute rice shortage during 1940 according to reports received by the Department of Agriculture from Shanghai.

It is estimated that as a result Japan will import three billion pounds of rice, which is an all-time record.

The shortage is due to the poor Korean crop. Formosa too has suffered in this respect and Japan has her smallest carry-over for the last 20 years.

It is stated that the Korean rice harvest is 40 per cent. below that of last season.

Imports are expected to be made from China and south Asia.

## LATEST B. W. O. F. DONATIONS

The following list of subscriptions has been received to date for credit of The British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch.

Previously Acknowledged	\$378,000.00
P. W. Hume (Monthly)	20
Mr. & Mrs. E. J. R. Seltie	2.00
Anonymous	2.00
Charity Football Match 1st Jan. 1940	2.10
Anonymous	2.00
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Wong Fook Man	20
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Wong Jui Fai	20
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Tan Fan San	20
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Ma Yu Ting	100
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Cheng Yee Yan	20
Yu Wong Por	20
Lian Cheong Lung	20
Wong Pui Cheong	20
Chinese Theatrical Performance	1,108.71
In aid of B.W.O.F.	1,108.71
Hongkong Chinese Engineering Club	510.39
Chung Chow District	210
Chamber of Commerce	210
Pupils of Mrs. C. L. Shand	25
State of Freemasons	25
A. Whitaker (Monthly)	100
F. B. Winter (Monthly)	100
A. C. Wilcox (January)	25
Ex Service	25
	\$301,252.09

### BANKER'S ORDER

O. H. Cauthery 15/-

## POLICE OFFICER ROBBED

Sergeant Headridge of the Hongkong Police, had a set of car keys and a hub cover stolen from his car parked outside the Military football ground at Sookunpoo on Saturday. The articles were valued at \$63.

Clothing valued at \$90 was stolen from a car which was parked outside Empress Lodge in Midway Road on Saturday. The loss was reported to the Police by Lt. C. M. M. Man, of the Middlesex Regiment.

Dr. Lam Shing-fan, sub-manager of the Bank of China, will speak on his impressions of a recent trip to the U.S.A., to the Y's Men's Club at their weekly talk meeting at the St. Francis Hotel on Thursday.

## SHOCKING DISASTER: 200 BURNT ALIVE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSAKA, Jan. 29 (Domei).—About 200 people perished in flames when a three-car electric train, filled with a rush-hour-load of workers, jumped the track and overturned at Ajigawa, near Osaka shortly after 7 o'clock this morning.

The rear car, crowded with 300 passengers, was derailed and turned turtle, bursting into flames. A "frightful scene" followed when about 200 persons were trapped in the blaze and were burnt to death. At least 100 others were injured, many of them seriously.

## YUGO-SLAV PREMIER IS INJURED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BELGRADE, Jan. 28 (UP).—A train collision today resulted in the Yugo-Slav Premier, M. Cvetkovitch being slightly injured, and the Minister of Finance being seriously hurt.

The two statesmen were en route to Belgrade from a hunting party at Beyle when their train collided with some railway cars which had become disengaged from a previous train.

## Nazi Troops In Galicia

Report Flatly Denied By Soviet Agency

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" MOSCOW, Jan. 28 (Domei).—The Tass News Agency to-day flatly denies foreign press reports that German troops are guarding the railway in the Soviet-occupied area in Eastern Poland.

According to reports the Nazi troops are there in an attempt to secure the transport of Rumanian oil by railway. The Tass statement declares that not a single German soldier is stationed in Western Ukraine (Eastern Galicia), adding that the friendly relations between Germany and the Soviet Union will not allow the stationing of alien troops in either country.

## New Russian Railway

5-Year-Plan Project Nears Completion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" MOSCOW, Jan. 28 (Domei).—A new railway linking Akmolinsk and Karant in Kazakhstan is nearing completion, eight months after the work was started.

The railway extends nearly 600 miles and forms the most important railway project in the third Five-Year Plan.

A test run on the new line was made on Saturday last between Karaganda and Magnitogorsk, and according to an announcement, the new line will formally be opened to traffic in a few months time.

The railway is designed to link the coal mines at Karaganda and the metallurgical industry in the Ural, forming part of the projected South Siberian Railway between Karant and Karantinsk, south of Irkutsk.

## Prison For Lottery Organisers

As a result of a raid carried out by the police on January 27 at Bedford Road, second floor, Leung Po, 40, unemployed, and Lau Kan-yau, 40, widow, appeared before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

They were charged with possession of a printing press without a licence, keeping a common gaming house for the purpose of a Po Plus lottery, and publishing an announcement relating to a lottery.

Both defendants pleaded guilty to the charges. Leung who had had previous convictions for the same offences was fined \$200 or three months' on the first charge, \$100 or six weeks and \$10 or two weeks for the second and third charges respectively. Lau was fined \$50 or one month, \$20 or month and \$5 or one week, respectively. The terms are to be served consecutively.

## Nazi Trade Talks At Deadlock

Mission Chief Pays Visit To Italy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BUCHAREST, Jan. 28 (Domei).—Considerable speculation has been caused here by the sudden departure for Rome of Herr Crodeus, head of the German trade mission to Rumania, who has been negotiating with the Rumanian Government for the conclusion of a new trade agreement.

Informed quarters believe that the departure of the German trade delegate indicates a deadlock in the German-Rumanian trade negotiations. Germany has made a four-point proposal to Rumania in connection with the recent trade negotiations. The German demands include acceleration of the transport of Rumanian oil to Germany by railway, sale of German arms to Rumania, supply of Rumanian timber to Germany, and fixing of the exchange rate of German marks.

Tremendously important to Germany is the transport of Rumanian oil. Under the existing German-Rumanian oil agreement, Rumania is to supply monthly 100,000 tons of oil to Germany but the actual transit hitherto has been less than half the fixed amount. In order to improve the transport of oil, Germany has proposed the reorganization of railway stations at the border for the transfer of goods. Rumania is understood to have refused to comply with the German request, apparently in deference to the Allied demands.

Herr Crodeus is said to be visiting Rome to ask for Italy's good offices in breaking the deadlock in the German-Rumanian trade negotiations. He is expected to return in a few days to resume negotiations. Wants Italian Rolling Stock. ROME, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—It is understood that one of the objects of the visit of the German trade expert, Mr. Claudius, is to obtain Italian stock.

The chaotic condition of German railways and the bad state of their rolling stock have long been assumed here, but it is considered doubtful whether the Italian railways will barter away stock when all national efforts are being devoted to defence preparations, though experts believe that Italy might release a number of steam locomotives as 50 per cent. of Italian railways have been electrified.

## ABDUCTED CHILD

Prison Sentence For Chinese Woman

Chan Kam, 90, widow, was found guilty of kidnapping Lai Sui-ti, an eight-year-old girl on January 20, when she appeared before Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Two others, Chan Ying, 30, married woman, and Lai Yuk, 49, a travelling trader were also charged, but found not guilty.

Detective Sergeant J. Johnston said that on the morning of January 20, the child left the house to play but did not return. The parents were alarmed and notified the police. Acting on information, the police went to Sun Mun Island and there found first defendant. She admitted abducting the girl and took the police to Pak Tak Au Village where they found the girl in the custody of the second and third defendants.

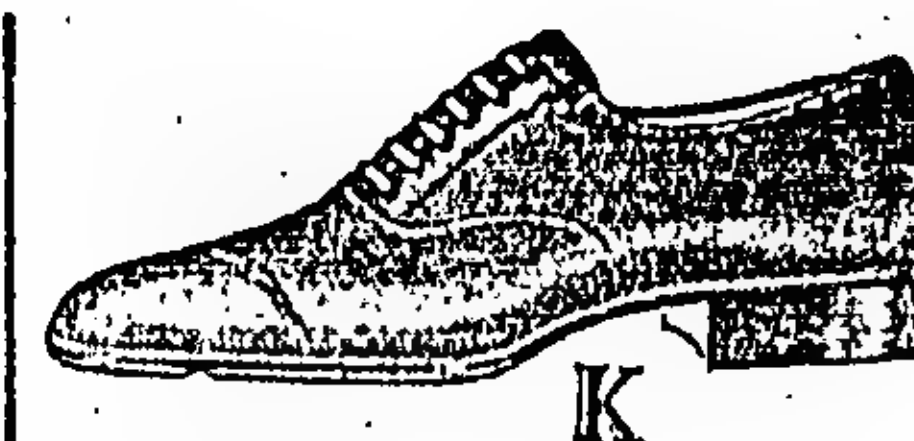
Chan Ying and Lai said the first defendant had sold the girl to them. Chan Kam was found guilty and sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

## GENERALISSIMO IN NEW POST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CHUNGKING, Jan. 29 (UP).—In addition to the several war-time posts he already fills Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is to assume another administrative position.

The National Government has issued a mandate, appointing the Generalissimo as Director of the Szechuan Provincial Opium Suppression Board.

Chiang Ching-kuo, the Generalissimo's son, has been appointed Special Administrative Superintendent of the Fourth Zone in Kiangsi Province and Peace Preservation Commissioner. During the past two years Chiang Ching-kuo has been vice-Commander of the Peace Preservation Commission in Kiangsi.



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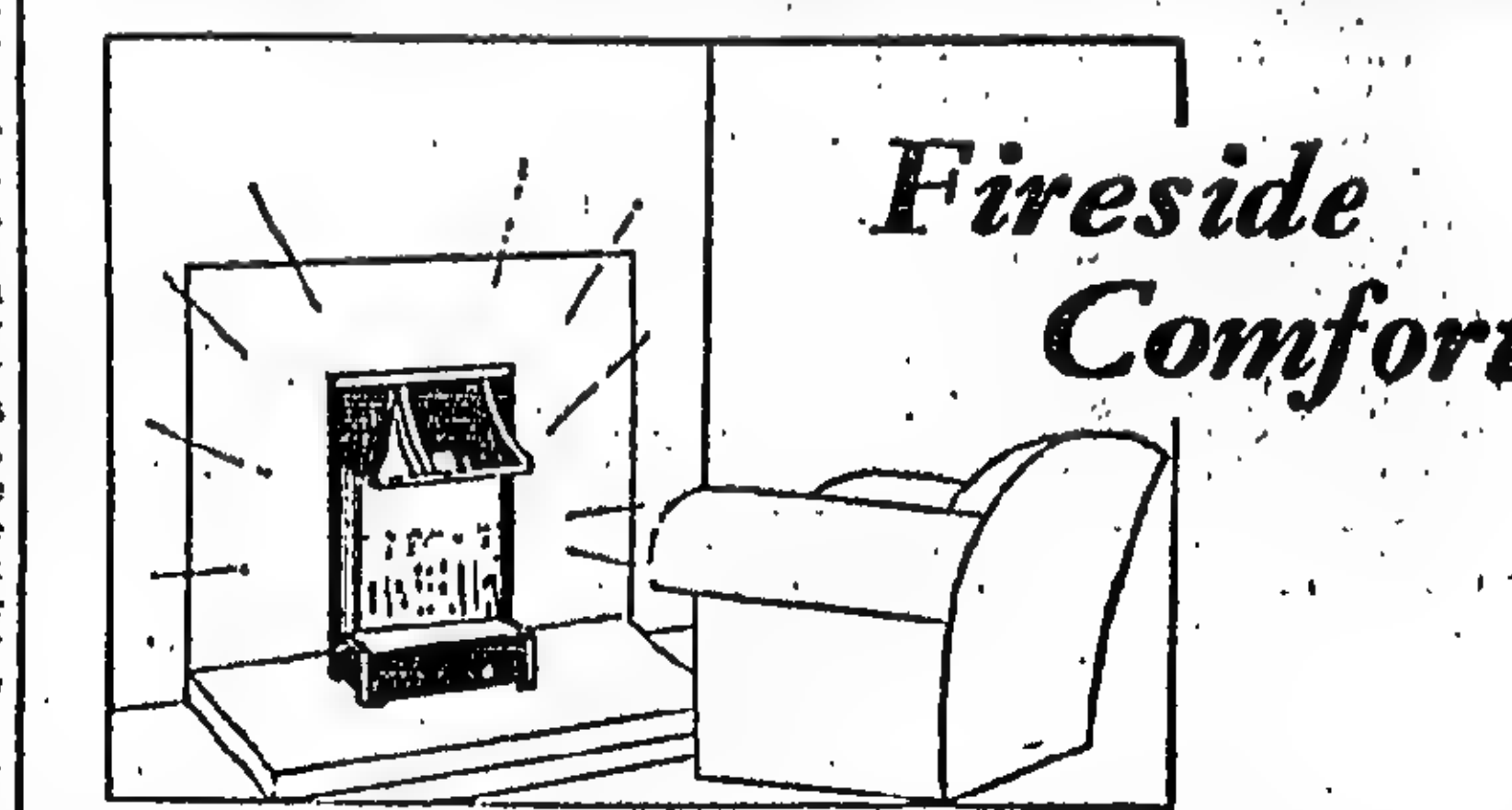


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# MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

## COMBINED CHINESE DEFEAT INTERPORT XV WIN CIVILIANS 4-2

(By "Rex")

OUTSTANDING FEATURES of a very interesting game were the totally unexpected fight put up by the Civilian team, the complete domination by A. V. Gosano over Chan Tak-fai and Lee Wai-tong, and two surprise goals by Hau Ching-to which gained for the Chinese their four goals to two victory over the Civilians in the second round of the Lai Wah Cup at Causeway Bay yesterday.

### Taylor And Forrow In Excellent Form

Taylor, the Police custodian, was to the fore with a splendid performance, his great height and length of reach disconcerting the Chinese attackers no end.

This match had an added interest in that Forrow gave a brilliant exhibition at inside left and should provide a solution as to the final composition of the Interport side to meet Shanghai.

Taylor used his great height and length of reach to good advantage, saving shots from Lee, Fung and Chan which an ordinary goal-keeper would have found beyond his reach. He also caused a small amount of amusement by picking the ball from almost the heads of the Chinese attackers without having to jump for it.

Blackburn was a tower of strength in the back-line, clearing timely and strongly. Bone was slightly off-colour, and but for the timely covering and intercepting of Blackburn, the Civilians might have had a larger score to reduce.

A. V. Gosano was at the peak of his form and covered Lee Wai-tong and Chan Tak-fai so well that they had hardly a chance to score. In the second half he even included Fung King-choong in his itinerary and bottled up the Chinese attack. His wing-halves, Maxwell and Hon-mall supported him well, the two halves being the better of the two considering he had to cope with wily Fung and Bone threw an added burden on his shoulders. Maxwell found Hau Ching-to too fast for him, but intercepted finely throughout.

#### A SUBSTITUTE

AN INJURY to Fowler on Saturday incapacitated him from playing and he was substituted by Hummahn, a third division player who, nevertheless, gave a good account of himself in closing in resulting in a goal for the Civilians. He was dominated by Lee Kwok-wai, and Spang Ling-seng spoiled much of his work. Pryde gave another fine performance in the inside right berth. With more experience this player will make a mark in local soccer. His perception of the right moves stamping him as a schemer in the making. What he lacks in height he makes up for in excellent ball control, body swerve and a good turn of speed.

Gosano was a trier, but I think he should realise he is not fitted for that position. He has the speed, dash and ball control but something is lacking in his make-up as a centre-forward. Forrow, who with Pryde for hours in the forward line, was perfect. He worked for Blackford and helped that player to attain that peak for which he received acknowledgment of being the best left winger in the Colony.

#### GREAT PERFORMANCE

CHEUNG WING-CHOI gave a magnificent performance for the Chinese. To him goes major part of the credit for saving the day for the Chinese. He pulled off several magnificent saves in fine style in spite of the fact that he was very often hard pressed and harassed by the Civilian forwards.

Lee Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai defended well. Although playing at variance to each other they managed to keep a semblance of co-ordination. Their spilling work was below par but their clearances were not the least haphazard, finding their men most times.

The halves worked well but for Leung Wing-chiu who appeared disoriented. Hau King-seng gave an other excellent performance of heroic and checked him well. He was equally at home in attack and defence and did much to get his forwards going when they were beaten back. Soon Ling-seng gave excellent support and covered him nicely. Leung Wing-chiu centred his attention on Blackford whom he allowed to elude time and again through his lack of speed.

The forwards were seen to advantage as a unit only in patches. The inside trio of Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-choong and Lee Wai-tong tried to combine but when their attempts were frustrated swung the ball to the wing men who were the

#### HOW TEAMS FARED

Lai Wah Cup	2
Army	5 Navy
C. Chinese	4 Civilians
Senior Shield First Round Replay	4
Club	0 Royal Scots
First Division	
Kwong Wah	1 St. Joseph's
Kowloon	1 S. China "B"
South China	2 5th R.A.
Second Division "B"	
R.A.F.	- University
(Postponed)	
Third Division	
Signals	2 Royal Scots
South China	1 Engineers
R.A.M.C.	1 Kumamats
12th R.A.	6 Internationals
5th R.A.	0 24th R.A.
Friendly Match	
Press	0 Referees
Police	7 Reserves

real attackers. Hau Ching-to, despite his two goals was not better than Chung Yung-sum who gave a great display. His fine runs down the field and beautiful centres was the occasion for an outburst from the crowds which packed the stands.

#### THE KICK-OFF

CIVILIANS kicked off against a stiff wind and their initial attack provided some anxious moments for the Chinese supporters. Chinese brought the ball into the Civilian area and Taylor saved from Fung. Minutes later Chinese again attacked, Taylor saving this time from Chan and again from Lee, both times utilising one hand in stopping. Civilians attacked Forrow's paring shot from a pass from Pryde was cleared by Lee Tin-sang. Blackford sent in some heavy daisy cutters which caused Cheung goal no end of trouble saving them. The Chinese now pressed hard for the lead. A. V. cleared from a partial clearance by Blackburn. Blackburn again stopped a certain goal the ball bounding off his head behind the posts.

From the corner there was a mad scramble for the ball and Lee pushed it in with Taylor completely covered by his own and the opposition's players.

Civilian pressed for the equaliser, in one of their raids Blackford was hurt. There was lull until Chinese took the initiative and Chung was sent down the wing with a fine pass from Fung. His centre was headed in by Chan, the ball spinning out of the grasp of Taylor into the net.

#### CIVILIANS ATTACK

UNDAUNTED the Civilian returned to the attack, Blackford sent in a perfect centre right in the goalmouth for Cheung to put it out. Pryde gained possession of the ball and first-timed, the ball scraped the upright to glance into the net. This score stood till half time with much mild field play.

The second half opened with the Civilian attacking strongly putting the Chinese on the defensive. The Chinese broke away, Fung sent Chung off with another glorious pass for the latter to centre right across the Civilian's goal-mouth. Hau dashed in from nowhere to meet it first time the ball whistling past Taylor.

This seemed to give added zest to the Civilian who pressed harder. Goals were missed by all the forwards. Forrow picked up a loose ball in midfield and sent Blackford off with a nice pass. Blackford turned passed to Forrow who finished it goalwards Cheung just getting his hand to it, but Hummahn, emulating

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#### Junior Cricket

### Champions' Farewell To Shield?

### SECOND DEFEAT IN TWO WEEKS

To all intents and purposes the K.C.C. have said farewell to the junior cricket championship, which they won last year, as a result of their second defeat of the season on Saturday.

Reproducing form almost identical to that which lost them three points at Craigengower the week before, the K.C.C. lost to the Army on the Cox's Road ground by 71 runs.

K.C.C. again committed fielding errors which proved expensive, but it was in batting that they chiefly disappointed their supporters. Against a steady, but by no means exceptional attack, the junior champions shaped as though every ball held disguised terrors. This made a striking contrast to the stolid, confident showing of the Army batsmen, who treated the bowling strictly to its merits, anything off the wicket being punished accordingly.

The third wicket partnership of 120 between Patterson and Man was a particularly good effort, but it was over but for a wild throw in to the wicket. When in his fifties he gave chances in the deep which were not accepted. Nevertheless it was a noteworthy effort against bowling which was extremely steady in the earlier stages of the innings.

#### MAN MORE AGGRESSIVE

Man was much more aggressive and rapidly overhauled his partner. He might have been run out in his first over but for a wild throw in to the wicket. When in his fifties he gave chances in the deep which were not accepted. Nevertheless it was a noteworthy effort against bowling which was extremely steady in the earlier stages of the innings.

Luke in his first spell had the batsmen tied down, and Taylor was also difficult to get away until he tired, and then he was hit for four fours in one over.

The Army took two full hours to score their 169 for 5 declared, and only in the middle of the innings did the batsmen really get on top of the bowling.

With memories of last year's match when at Sookunpoo the K.C.C. scored 200 in an hour and three-quarters to win the match, the champions felt that the task of scoring 170 in about the same time was by no means impossible.

The early dismissal of Lay and Mulcahy at the same total, soon placed the home side strictly on the defensive. Fergus had Lay brilliantly caught in the slips off a hard cut and Ratcliffe lured Mulcahy into a false stroke.

Baxter stayed a while, while others lost their wickets cheaply, and then he "had a go" at Paul's slow off-spinners and was bowled neck and crop.

#### SIX MINUTES TO SPARE

Goodban, playing the ball firmly with middle of the bat looked capable of staying for all time and there appeared a chance of the Army being denied three deserved points when he and Luke were defending.

Then Luke had a dip and was bowled and Goodban, in attempting to steal the bowling was stumped. Army won with about six minutes to spare.

The Army bowlers made most of their opportunities. The change bowlers were brought on just at the right time, and when the last two wickets were needed the opening trundlers were needed to back and accompanied their expected task. Nevertheless, K.C.C. batting was decidedly supine and it appears that the middle men have become so used to seeing Mulcahy, Lay and Goodban knock off the bowlers, that they are no longer capable of pulling the side together after a bad start.

#### Women's Tennis

### MRS. LITTON DEFEATS MRS. CHIU FOR COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

THE COLONY WOMEN'S singles tennis championship was won by Mrs. Litton who easily beat Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu by 6-0, 6-1 at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday.

Steadily all round and retrieving practically everything that came across the net, Mrs. Litton dropped very few points against an opponent who was playing well below her usual league and tournament form.

Mrs. Chiu's service was perhaps her strongest point, and occasionally she sent over some splendid fore-hand drives to the corners of the court, but against a rock-like steadiness she gradually deteriorated and eventually faded out.

Mrs. Litton previously won the title in 1930-31-32, the women's doubles championship with Mrs. R. E. Tottenham in 1931-32 and the mixed doubles with her brother, M. W. Lo, in 1928, 1930 and 1932.

#### Australian Tennis Titles

SYDNEY, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—Jack Crawford defeated John Bromwich, 6-4, 6-1, 9-7 in the semi-final of the Australian singles tennis championships. In the other semi-final, Adrian Quist beat Vivian McGrath, 6-4, 10-8, 6-3.

Results of the women's semi-finals were—Miss Thelma Coyne beat Mrs. Wopman, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Miss Nancy Wynne beat Miss Joan Hartigan, 6-0, 3-6, 6-1.

The men's doubles final was won by Bromwich and Quist, who beat Crawford and McGrath, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1. The women's doubles final went to Miss Wynne and Miss Coyne, who defeated Miss Hartigan and Miss Niemeyer, 7-5, 6-1.

### Lucky Sweep Tickets At Macao

Sweep results on yesterday's races at Macao were:

Race No. 1	Win	Place	Unplaced
No. 425	\$110.10	\$20.10	\$10.10
No. 443	\$20.10	\$10.10	\$5.10
Unplaced pony (\$10) No. 515.			
Race No. 2	Win	Place	Unplaced
No. 156	\$113.40	\$20.10	\$10.10
No. 576	\$20.10	\$10.10	\$5.10
Unplaced ponies (\$10 each): Nos. 272, 570.			
Race No. 3	Win	Place	Unplaced
No. 505	\$120.00	\$20.10	\$10.10
No. 528	\$20.10	\$10.10	\$5.10
Unplaced ponies (\$10 each): Nos. 107, 578.			
Race No. 4	Win	Place	Unplaced
No. 555	\$130.00	\$20.10	\$10.10
No. 552	\$20.10	\$10.10	\$5.10
Unplaced ponies (\$10 each): Nos. 571, 550.			
Race No. 5	Win	Place	Unplaced
No. 555	\$159.20	\$20.10	\$10.10
No. 552	\$20.10	\$10.10	\$5.10
Unplaced pony (\$10) No. 60.			
Race No. 6	Win	Place	Unplaced
No. 552	\$321.00	\$20.10	\$10.10
No. 444	\$20.10	\$10.10	\$5.10
Unplaced ponies (\$10 each): Nos. 614, 570.			

### Japanese Enthusiasm For "Sumo"

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (Domei).—With the vast Kokugikan wrestling arena packed to capacity by 10,000 of "sumo" enthusiasts who braved sub-zero weather, preliminaries of the Spring Sumo Tournament got under way here at 2 o'clock this morning.

As thousands jammed the approaches to the arena by noon yesterday, the gates were opened at 6 o'clock and the afternoon, a record in early openings. Four hours later, the "House Full" sign was hung out.

Because of the bitterly cold weather, would-be spectators came equipped with blankets and other clothing in order to keep warm in the vast unheated arena. As usual food and drink were brought by the enthusiasts, who settled down for a long wait.

Gen. Taka Hashikari, president of the Tokyo Memorial Association, to which the opening day's gate proceeds were dedicated made an address thanking the audience. Tickets sold at 50 sen.

### HONGKONG RIDING SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS

Several hundred spectators witnessed the annual sports of the Hongkong Riding School, managed by Mr. Bob Charles at Tai-hang Road yesterday. The weather, and the grounds, stands and stables were gaily decorated with flags.

The varied programme provided competition for both adults and children, and so well did many of the competitors that the judges in some instances found difficulty in finding the winners.

Among the many spectators were the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Wing-Che, and Mrs. A. H. S. Wilcocks. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, who was the recipient of a basket of flowers from little Susan Steele-Perkins.

#### THE RESULTS

The following were the events and prize-winners: Target Competition.—Miss V. Walker.

Intermediate Children's Competition (Class 1).—Miss G. Lee; 2, Miss B. Rickwood; 3, Miss C. Davis. Adult Members' Competition.—1, Miss N. Kerrison; 2, Mrs. E. Selby; 3, Mr. P. Calderara.

Intermediate Children's Competition (Class 2).—Tie between Master R. Cooke, Miss J. Davis and Master F. Hechtel, who drew lots for the cups.

Musical Chairs.—Mr. R. H. J. Brooks. Advanced Children's Competition.—1, Miss P. Dodwell; 2, Miss V. Walker; 3, Master P. Harriman.

Tiny Tots Competition.—1, Miss Susan Wood; 2, Miss Susan Steele-Perkins; 3, Master Colin Selby.

Children's Learners' Competition.—1, Miss M. Hume; 2, Master C. Shaffer; 3, Master J. Selby.

Sally Competition.—1, Miss Dowbiggin; 2, Mrs. R. H. J. Brooks. Jumping Competition.—1, Mr. F. Appleton; 2, Master H. Tipple; 3, Mr. W. G. Poy.

Jumping Competition (Pupils).—Master B. Stott. Harriman Challenge Cup (for best rider in school).—Miss V. Walker. Best Girl Rider.—Miss P. Dodwell. Best Chinese Pupil.—Miss G. Lee.

The following were the officials: Judges.—Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Major F. Hogg, Major K. S. Simpson, Capt. L. M. Reidy and Mr. A. Hutton Potts.

Committee.—Messrs. F. Appleton, B. Charles, R. H. J. Brooks, R. C. Butler, E. S. Kerrison, W. G. Poy and R. E. Stott.

### Jack Chaucer Wins Red Cross Steeplechase

Leopardstowne, Eire, Jan. 27. Mr. H. L. Egan's Jack Chaucer won the Red Cross Steeplechase by two lengths from Sterling Duke. Knocknolleen was third, eight lengths behind. The betting was: Jack Chaucer 4-1, Sterling Duke 12-1, and Knocknolleen 20-1.

The race was held under the auspices of the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes. It was determined that the distribution of the sweepstake prizes would be mostly to points in Western Europe since there was not time to get the tickets over-seas.—United Press.

Reuter says there were 22 starters.

### Badminton Assn: Meeting

BADMINTON club secretaries are reminded that a meeting of the Badminton Association Council will be held to-morrow (Tuesday) in the S. O. M. Post boardroom at 5.30. Principal business will be to discuss the current season's Colony championships, and a full attendance of club representatives is requested.

### Rest Of The Colony Defeated By One Point

(By "Fly-half")

THE COLONY INTERPORT XV just gained the day over the Rest of the Colony by one point in their rugby match at Sookunpoo on Saturday; the actual score being 6 points (two tries) to a 5 (a goal). Both teams missed what appeared to be certain scoring opportunities through selfishness or over-eagerness, but as the chances missed were equally divided they had little bearing on the score.

The Colony side appeared to keep themselves in reserve, and in view of the near sailing date they adopted a sane policy, especially as the ground, in addition, was hard. Hutchison's inability to play owing to pressure of work, and Bosanquet's absence due to an injury which he is still nursing, considerably changed the effectiveness of the three-quarters.

Although Van Leeuwen and Carruthers, who deputised, played reasonably well, they were not up to the standard of the absence. Stewart and Bidwell did well together, and it was by them that Club's scores were made. Henderson, at full-back, was cool, but a little inclined to take his chance with the bounce of the ball before gathering.

The halves, Charter and Thomson, played well and hard throughout. Charter surprised everyone by his buying of Bos's dummies. Thomson gave a good service from the scrum, and kept well up with play in the loose. He had a great tackle of D. H. Taylor out in the open, when the full-back was moving.

OVERWORKED "WHEEL" CLU FORWARDERS kept their end up despite losing the push. Castleton, who played instead of Salter who is at Camp, did well to get the ball back as often as he did. The Interport side had nothing to fear in the scrum, and was well served by the Interport lineouts with Walker, Gregory and Taylor in their present form.

Encouraged by their success last week with wheels, Club were inclined to overdo it on Saturday. Redman and Godfrey were a hard-working pair of wing forwards. Godfrey was badly at fault once when he tried to batter his way past Taylor instead of passing out to one of the three men who were outside him and up with the play.

Taylor again gave a polished display of fielding and kicking but still prefers to collar his man instead of tackling him. Kennedy had a fair margin of success in his marling of the Club team aided by good covering up by Club's forwards, among whom (suffering from a shoulder injury) had little difficulty in holding Caruthers, but could not in turn get through. Richards and Van Leeuwen neutralised each other's play.

BOE, brought in at the last moment in place of Hook, was in rampant form.

Up forward, the Rest were best served by Taylor (Navy), Wright-Nooth, Pinkerton and Culbertson. All the scoring was done in the second half when Stevens went over for the Rest for a try which was converted by himself. Near the end two swift tries scored by Stewart, following good play between Bidwell and Stewart, gave the Interporters victory. Castleton and then Henderson failed to convert.

#### Club "A" Defeated

A TEAM, MAINLY RECRUITED just prior to the kick-off and styled the Rest of the Colony "A" defeated Club "A" by the margin of 5 points (a goal) to 3 (a penalty goal). Interest in this game rested mainly on the display of two newcomers to Colony rugby, both having played in first class rugby in Scotland. Miller, a Heriot's E. P. player, who has played in Edinburgh in Scottish inter-city trials, turned out for the Rest "A" at forward. He was obviously hampered by lack of training, having just come off a trooper. He was seen to best advantage in the lineouts for which department he is well suited having great height.

The other is McRae, a brother of the Scottish international, and like his brother, a former St. Andrew's University player. He was prominent in Saturday's game in the lineouts and feet rushes. Having been at Amoy for a year, he has been out of touch with a game. In the first half owing to a broken clavicle, sustained in a tackle. With a man short in the three-line it was surprising that no forward was not sent back. However, keen tackling by the whole of the Club team aided by good covering up by Club's forwards, among whom (suffering from a shoulder injury) had little difficulty in holding Caruthers, but could not in turn get through. Richards and Van Leeuwen neutralised each other's play.

A GOOD SHOW LEIGH, a forward normally, put up a "good" show at inside three-quarter but lacked pace in attack. Lavalle was the only other three to shine. PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

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# GESTAPO WAR ON THE CATHOLICS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 28 (UP).—Remarkable allegations regarding the cruelty of the dreaded Nazi Gestapo in Poland bear all the weight of ecclesiastical truth in a report which is being prepared for His Holiness the Pope by Cardinal Hlond.

The venerable Catholic Cardinal alleges that the Gestapo caused the widespread murder and persecution of Catholic priests in Poland after the country was occupied.

The report lists the names of 15 priests who were shot by orders of the Gestapo. The dates of their deaths are given.

Other priests are alleged to have been subjected to beatings and other forms of ill-treatment at the hands of the dreaded German secret police.

"Priests and nuns have been persecuted and humiliated, and children have been driven from Catholic orphanages," the report claims.

It adds that several priests have been sent to Nazi concentration camps.

"It is now a common sight to see priests working under duress on the shattered roads and bridges in Poland."

"German soldiers killed Father Mariano Szapczak by beating him over the head with their rifle butts."

"Other priests were shut up in a pig-sty overnight while the Gestapo questioned them. They were brutally beaten and tortured."

"Of a total of 261 priests in Poland, over half are now without priests."

"The situation is becoming worse. The Catholic population of Poland is being violently torn from the soil and are being replaced by Germans, very few of whom are Catholics."

"Sermons in the Polish language are forbidden. They must be given in German."

"The Church in Poland is in the hands of the Gestapo. It is being stripped of its wealth. If this continues there will be total confiscation of all Catholic property."

"The Cathedral at Poznan is closed and the Gestapo is in charge. The Theological Seminary has been closed and the students dispersed."

"The Archbishop's Palace has been devastated."

## Interport XV Beat Rest

(Continued from Page 6.)

Rutherford gave a good service from the scrum. Roscoe, at fullback, was kept busy having generally to fall in on the way to the line, opposing winger. That the Rest did not kick was due to good tackling by the full-back.

Roe was a steady full-back for the Rest. Bowden, Jackson and Burrell played well in a three-quarter line which was put out of gear frequently by a faulty stand-off half. Foley worked hard at scrum-half. Among the forwards, Ferris, Miller, Dempsey and Sheldrake caught the eye occasionally.

Foley scored for the Rest near the flag. With a magnificent kick Burrell converted. After hitting an upright with a free-kick, McRae kicked a penalty goal to obtain three points for Club.

## CRASHED CAR INTO PILLAR

In an attempt to avoid a Chinese pedestrian who ran suddenly across the road today, L. Sgt. Brown, of the Tsim Wan Police Station, deliberately crashed his car into a concrete post.

The car sustained extensive damage but the pedestrian escaped. L. Sgt. Brown was uninjured.

## War Anniversary Quietly Observed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CHUNGKING, Jan. 28 (UP).—The eighth anniversary of the beginning of the Shanghai war in 1932 was observed quietly in Chungking by comforting the families of soldiers at the front with money and food.

A lecture was given by General Chun Chih-chung, the Shanghai commander in the second Shanghai war.

## GRIPPS ENTERTAINERS HAD BUSY AFTERNOON

WHEN WAR was declared in September, Mimi and Jose, famous Mexican dancers, were working in Paris.

When the night-life of the gay French capital became quieter and the large hotels closed down on their lavish entertaining, Mimi and Jose decided to go back to America—but not across the Atlantic.

They arrived in Hongkong on Saturday afternoon, en route to New York.

They were expected originally on Thursday, and arrangements were made for them to stop-over in this Colony in order to appear for a brief season at the Hongkong Hotel.

Though their liner was delayed, the two Mexican entertainers were able to make their bow at the Gripps as originally scheduled.

But they had to come ashore in their rehearsal costumes to com-

# Japanese Mass More Troops In Shansi

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HINGTSI, Jan. 28 (Central).—Fighting in Shansi centres in the southeast part of the province.

After the collapse of their southward push from Changchih and Hukwan, the Japanese have massed some 6,000 troops for a new three-column drive in the same direction.

While engaging in front clashes, the Chinese are launching enveloping attacks at Changchih, Changchih and Hukwan to threaten the enemy bases.

They succeeded in breaking into Hukwan, inflicting heavy casualties upon the Japanese. Several outer defence points of Changchih and Kuoiping have returned to Chinese control.

In south Shansi the Japanese are on the defensive after their failure to dislodge the Chinese in the Chung-tiao Mountain Range in repeated drives.

To the west of the Tsin River the Chinese are bringing pressure to bear upon the Japanese occupying Fow-shan, 22 miles east of Linfen.

Several units of Japanese reinforcements have been driven back. The Japanese at Linfen are also menaced by increasing Chinese activities around the city.

The situation in west Shansi is comparatively quiet.

## Chekiang Town Raided

KINIWA, Jan. 28 (Central).—Seven Japanese planes flying from Hangchow bombed Chienchi, on the Chienchi-Kiangsi Railway south of Saoshan, on Saturday. They released over 30 bombs which wrecked some 40 houses. No casualties were reported.

## Japanese Retreat

FANCHENG, Jan. 28 (Central).—Japanese forces recently defeated north of Suishien in north Hupch are continuing their retreat towards Anlu and Yingshan, southeast of Suishien. The invaders in the Kiangshan-Chungshing-Yungchuan area have been inactive owing to Chinese vigilance.

## Chinese Attack Sioshan

KWELIN, Jan. 28 (Central).—A military communiqué released here states that Chinese forces have captured Kiangshing and Yachienchen, two important points on the Sioshan-Shaoching highway, during the week-end, and are launching a concerted attack on Sioshan, opposite Hongchow across the Chien-tang River.

Yachienchen, two miles south of Sioshan, returned to Chinese hands after sharp engagement on Saturday. One unit of Chinese troops succeeded in forcing an entry into Sioshan by the south gate but later again withdrew.

The Japanese are rushing repairs to the Chienching bridge which was damaged by Chinese forces. A large number of remnant Japanese, marooned at isolated points on the brink of the river, are being mopped up by the Chinese.

Wenchien, three miles west of Sioshan, was abandoned by the Japanese following the Chinese capture of Linpu. Many dead bodies were abandoned by the Japanese during their retreat eastward to Sioshan.

## French Deputies In England

Studying Britain's War Effort

LONDON, Jan. 28 (British Wire- less).—A very warm welcome has been given to the party of French Deputies which arrived in London yesterday by British Parliamentarians with whom they will have many opportunities for common discussion and personal exchange during the visit, the programme of which has also been planned to give them means of appreciating the British war effort.

The French party is led by the former Foreign Minister, M. Delbor, who this evening broadcast a message of French describing the purpose of the visit.

## Dinner At Embassy

The French Ambassador gave a dinner to-night at which representatives met members of the French delegation, and the British Government is giving a dinner to-morrow night.

On Tuesday the visitors will dine with their British colleagues at the House of Commons.

Newspapers give much prominence to the arrival of the party, and meetings with British M.P.s are regarded as providing a useful aid to fuller mutual understanding between the elected representatives of the British and French people which is an essential foundation for the close collaboration upon which the two governments have embarked.

Lt. Holdsworth reports to the Police that his car struck two Chinese pedestrians in Nathan Road yesterday morning. The Chinese were taken to Kowloon Hospital for treatment for minor injuries.

# FURTHER UNREST IN SOVIET UNION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Domei).—A general feeling of unrest is sweeping the Soviet Union.

Increasing shortages of food and fuel, rising commodity prices and the lowest cold in a century are responsible, according to information reaching here to-day.

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12.30 Half an hour of Dance Music.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

Maybe I'm Wrong Again (Trent-Bennett); Back to Those Happy Days (Nichols); My Life (film "Laughing Irish Eyes").

1.13 Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and H. Robinson Cleave (Organ).

Zampa (Herold); Poet and Peasant (Suppe). Patricia Rossborough and Robinson Cleave; Sweetheart Joe, The Candy Man (Coom-Johnson); A Cavalcade of Martin Tunes; Intro: There's something about a soldier; The King's Horses; When the Guards are on Parade; When a Soldier's on Parade; The Toy Drum Major.

Patricia Rossborough (Piano); Nola (Arndt); The Wedding of the Painted Doll; Intro: The Doll Dance (Brown).

Patricia Rossborough and Robinson Cleave.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Two Mozart Songs by Ivar Andersen (Bass).

O Isis and Isis ("The Magic Flute"); Within These Sacred Walls ("The Magic Flute").

1.53 Mozart—Symphony in D, No. 35.

Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.

1.55 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children."

The Clockwork Courtesan (Rayners)...Grace Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra; The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse Part III; I Got a "Code" in My "Doze" (Fields and Others)...Grace Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra; Studio—Story by Aunt Susan; Here Comes the Sandman (film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air")...Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orch.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Kentucky Minstrels.

Flight of Ages (Sevan)...Soloist: John Duncan; William Tell Overture at the Organ; Songs from the Kentucky Minstrels Plantation Medley (arr. Doris Arnold)...Soloists: G. Stearn Scott and John Duncan. With the Kentucky Banjo Team.

6.43 Concert Waltzes.

Ever so Never (Waldteufel); Child's Dream (Waldteufel); The Swallows (Josef Strauss)...Johann Strauss and His Viennese Orchestra; Dance of The Fairies (Willy Rosenthal); Lovely To Kiss (Dickel)...Orchestra Mascotte.

"White Horse Inn"—Selection (Erik Charell)...New Mayfair Orchestra; "Helen"—Vocal Gems (Offenbach, arr. Korngold).... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra; "Princess Charming" Selection (Slenny, Ruby and Walker); "Viktoria and Her Hussar" (Abraham)—Vocal Gems...Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Studio—Bishop Sargent on "Opera."

8.57 Orchestral Selection.

With The Classics (arr. Sidney Crook).

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—The News Summary.

9.30 B.B.C. Recording—"Breakfast with the Bullfinches."

Written by Ursula Branson. Music by Various Composers; Production by William Spence; Radio and Walker).

10.0 A Chopin Recital by Arthur Schnabel (Piano).

Grande Polonaise, Op. 22; Nocturne in B Major, Op. 9, No. 2; Nocturne in C Sharp Minor, Op. 9, No. 3; Chopin's Ballade, Op. 10, No. 1; The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini; Vier Erste Gesänge, Op. 121—Denn es gehet dem Menschen; Die Mahnacht, Op. 43, No. 2...Alexander Kipnis (Bass) and

The report says that following the outbreak of the Soviet-Finnish war, shortage of food and fuel is rapidly increasing.

Diplomatic circles point out that internal unrest in the Soviet Union would have an immediate effect on the Soviet-Finnish war, and would eventually seriously bear on the developments of the European situation.

## Nazi-Rad Talks

PARIS, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Reliable information reaching here says that M. Potemkin, the assistant Soviet Foreign Commissar, will shortly proceed to Berlin. The object of his trip is not made known.

## Rex Boarded By R. N. Unit

Asama Maru Incident Had Precedent

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 28 (UP).—It is now revealed that the Italian liner Rex, in which 58 members of the crew of the scuttled German liner Columbus reached Genoa to-day, was stopped by a British warship in the Atlantic.

A boarding party went aboard the 52,000-ton Italian liner.

The German seamen were permitted to remain aboard.

It has been revealed that the Portuguese steamer Carvalho Araújo (4,500 tons), which runs between the Azores and Lisbon, was recently hailed by a British warship when off the Portuguese coast.

The warship took off 25 German passengers of military age who had been trying to return to Germany from the Azores.

Unlike the Asama Maru incident, Portugal recognises Britain's right to remove Germans of belligerent age from neutral ships, and no protest has been lodged regarding this incident.

## GERMAN WOMAN IN H.K. COURT

A GERMAN woman whose husband is stated to be distinctly connected with the famous German House of Rothschild appeared in a Hongkong Court this morning on a charge of entering the Colony without a valid passport.

The woman was Frau Fanny Rothschild. Her address was given as Kohn, Germany.

She arrived by plane from Marseilles on January 25, stating that she was attempting to re-join her husband in Shanghai.

The Magistrate, Mr. J. T. Houston, made an order for her expulsion.

## BIG HAUL BY PIRATES

A LARGE Hongkong-registered ocean-going junk is the latest victim of Chinese pirates.

Cargo valued at over \$6,000 was taken from the vessel, which was on route from Swatow to Hongkong.

The incident occurred east of Sam Mun Customs Station, when two large junks approached and forced the master of the Hongkong junk, Lam Man-fung, to heave to.

According to a report to the police, about forty men were involved in the piracy. Eleven—five armed with rifles and six with revolvers—boarded the junk and locked the crew and passengers below for 48 hours.

After the cargo was transferred the pirates decamped.

Gerald Moore (Piano); Intermozzo, Op. 117, No. 2...Eileen Joyce (Piano); Hungarian Dance No. 5; Hungarian Dance No. 6...Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler; Cradle Song...The Angelus Octet.

11.0 Close down.

## CHINESE DENY "PLOT" TO ASSASSINATE ENVOY

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Referring to the allegation by a Japanese military spokesman on January 25th of a Chinese plot to assassinate Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, in an effort to cause a crisis in the Japanese-American relations, a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated to-day that this was absolutely groundless.

The spokesman said he was most surprised that such an irresponsible statement should have been made by a Japanese official spokesman.

The spokesman declared that he did not know whether there were any ulterior motive behind this allegation.

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## SHORT CUTS

One or two hours of outdoor exercise daily, daily soup and water bath and lots of pure drinking water—10 glasses a day if you can take it—will speed up results with your ache treatment. Take a laxative if you need it, but let your doctor prescribe it.

By combining equal parts of salt and soda you have an excellent polish for metal or porcelain surfaces. Apply as you would a powder cleanser.

Alka Chase, widely known stage star, often appears in public in a tailored suit—and hatless. She chooses a brownish-red lipstick and goes multi-polished.

To remove perfume stains from the wooden top of a vanity table, rub a little olive oil over the spots. Then rub with a fresh, soft cloth to remove excess oil.



Brown and white ridged wool is used in this two-piece suit, worn by Norma Shearer. The tailored jacket with four inset pockets and wide, pointed revers has a horizontal stripe of white and is worn over a crossed beige silk vest.

## Finn in Sweden For Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM.—Ernst Kornilov, Finnish winner of the 1939 Nobel prize for literature, crossed into Sweden Dec. 12 at Haparanda on his way here to receive his prize. He was accompanied by his family. [The value of the Nobel prize varies from year to year, but Pehr Buck, 1938 winner for literature, received \$27,957.]

## Muff And Fur Hat

By ELEANOR GUNN

NEW YORK—If it is time to plan your fur wardrobe, do not forget that a muff, or muffs, is important, and that fur-trimmed hats are too. Muffs are of many sizes and shapes and made of a wide range of furs. It is going to mark you as a woman "in the know" if you add a muff and fur hat to your wool dress or suit, long before there is much danger of your actually needing to keep your hands warm.

In presenting a series of stunning crocheted wool hats with cuffs to match, Sally Victor recently introduced looped yards of wool to give character to these crocheted turban ensembles. The emphasis of a clear light gray makes them look very new and significant as a new accent to wear with black or coloured costumes, or else to tone in with deeper gray shades.

The colour situation is sized up clearly—with the gray and heaver shades representing the neutrals that go so well with fur jackets and coats, and vivid colour for the alternative, with bright green and cherry red an emphasized combination; too, novelty in a strong pastel blue that is between turquoise and robin's egg is striking.

## "FLEETING 'FLU'" BACK AGAIN

"Fleeting 'flu'" is back again. This two-day variety is rampant in London, just as was at this time a year ago. This year, it finds Britain's "Flu Squad" under Sir Patrick Laidlaw, the scientist who discovered the invisible virus responsible for influenza, with wartime preoccupations. One is warned not to neglect it as it can lead to fatal complications.

"It's no use pretending," a friend said, "but I'm frankly outside. I've got nice hair and a good complexion. Now can you help me with a winter outfit that will slim me down a bit and yet be comfortable?"

"Of course I can," I replied. It is the problem of half the women in the world after they have reached their fortieth birthday. What you want is a nice well cut coat in a deep colour—not necessarily black, but specially designed to give you height and to bring your figure into a good balanced line.

A soft collar of fur also helps the shoulders and upper part. You see by the sketches what I recommend. The coat is made in good quality fancy velvet cloth with a straight looking back and a good wrap-over in front. It is lined throughout with artificial silk and the sleeves have nice shaping at the cuff.

## Dark Brown Fur

The collar of skunk opossum (you know the fur it is very like skunk—a nice dark brown shade) can be worn open or wrapped over close to the throat to form a becoming frame for the face. Very cosy and fashionable as well.

The colours are nigger, navy, bottle, wine and black. Wine is very fashionable this year. It suits grey and dark-haired women excellently. Brown and green suit fair and dark women, but are a little cold with grey hair. I find navy and black are becoming to all.

To wear under this coat I selected a frock also in a soft all-wool material from Pontings, which had a good deal of clever shaping to give freedom and a long unbroken line. There was some shirring on the shoulders that gave ample room over the vest, and an inverted pleat down the whole length of the front. The bodice was cut with a deep scalloped V, with a neat vestee in a pale contrasting colour.

## Colour Choice

A back tie indicated the waistline, and the colours were wine, brown, green, navy, rust and black.

## NO GREATCOATS FOR A.T.S.

Members of the A.T.S. are agitating to be supplied by the War Office with greatcoats.

They complain that many of them are suffering from bad colds and pneumonia and that they need the coats to prevent further illness.

The War Office, however, say that the girls are given fleece-lined raincoats and that greatcoats are not part of the issue.

Some of the girls have had raincoats, but not fleece-lined because there was a shortage of these linings.

The War Office say the health of the A.T.S. is everywhere reported as exceptionally good and that they have no reports of any such cases of illness.

## Notes On Perfumes

By JACQUELINE HUNT

WAR or no war, fashion and beauty are marching on. From troubled Paris comes word that the couturiers are doing much to uphold the country's morale these hectic days. Mme. Jeanne Lanvin has been an outstanding example, as she is keeping her entire force busy as though there were no rumblings on the Maginot Line. Femininity comes through as always. Though it might have been a knitted sock in the last strife, this time it is a bright lipstick and such amusing things as bustles and eighteen-inch waists with the aid of none too subtle corsets. A part of the feminine role is to play a glamorous, interesting creature and keep men from brooding too much on swift-moving world events.

You here may have nothing more dangerous to struggle with than the monthly budget, but this doesn't mean that he wouldn't appreciate some comforting diversion in his daily life, provided by an attractive and intriguing you. Take advantage of every idea you can find that will make you more feminine, more appealing and lovable.

Fashion designers say that you can best get yourself into the varying moods of your new winter clothes by choosing an appropriate perfume and this is one of the follies that men most admire in women. By experimenting with a variety of scents and the perfume that fits your clothes and pleases your companions.

If your mood is not at its best, you might pick it up considerably by a thoughtful choice of perfume. Choose a warm, heady, interesting scent if you wear wide-skirted Velasquez gowns, and you will feel like a dark-eyed Spanish beauty. Or, if you prefer one of the new supple, draped gown fashions, pick a perfume that suggests intrigue in its sweet, tantalising odour.

## PERFUME FOR SPORTS

For sports clothes and furs, try an old favourite which has a Russian saddle leather base and a special affinity for tweeds and leathers. Leather, you know, is the newest and smartest article for either active or spectator sports.

Buckle-backed street dresses would be set off nicely by an imaginative scent that is appropriate with everything, as it seems to take on a different and individual fragrance with each wearer. The new "covered up" dinner dresses would be a perfect background for an aristocratic perfume that is subtle and elusive.

There is a world of perfume choices to-day in tiny shining spheres that contain the loveliest French perfume—in cut-glass flacons and intriguingly shaped bottles that add beauty to your dressing table and personality to you. The right perfume accessory can do more for you than a new hat perched over one eye, and it is no more of an extravagance than a new dress or smart accessory.

## TO MATCH MOODS

Try several perfumes. Select a favourite that you use most of the time—that seems to give most of the separable and intangible part of your personality. But it's nice to use something different on special occasions, too—something in keeping with the mood of your frock or with the mood of the occasion.

Play your part in this modern world by contributing to the pleasure of those about you. Leave a precious breath of fragrance in your wake, because you never forget to spray your hair or fingertips with your favourite perfume. Give perfume to others, too, whenever you plan a gift that will be long remembered.

If you do not know the perfume tastes of the person for whom the gift is intended, give several of the tiniest size containers with different odours, so she can try them out at her leisure. If you do know her favourite perfume, give as large a bottle as your purse can afford, and she'll feel flattered and grateful.

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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

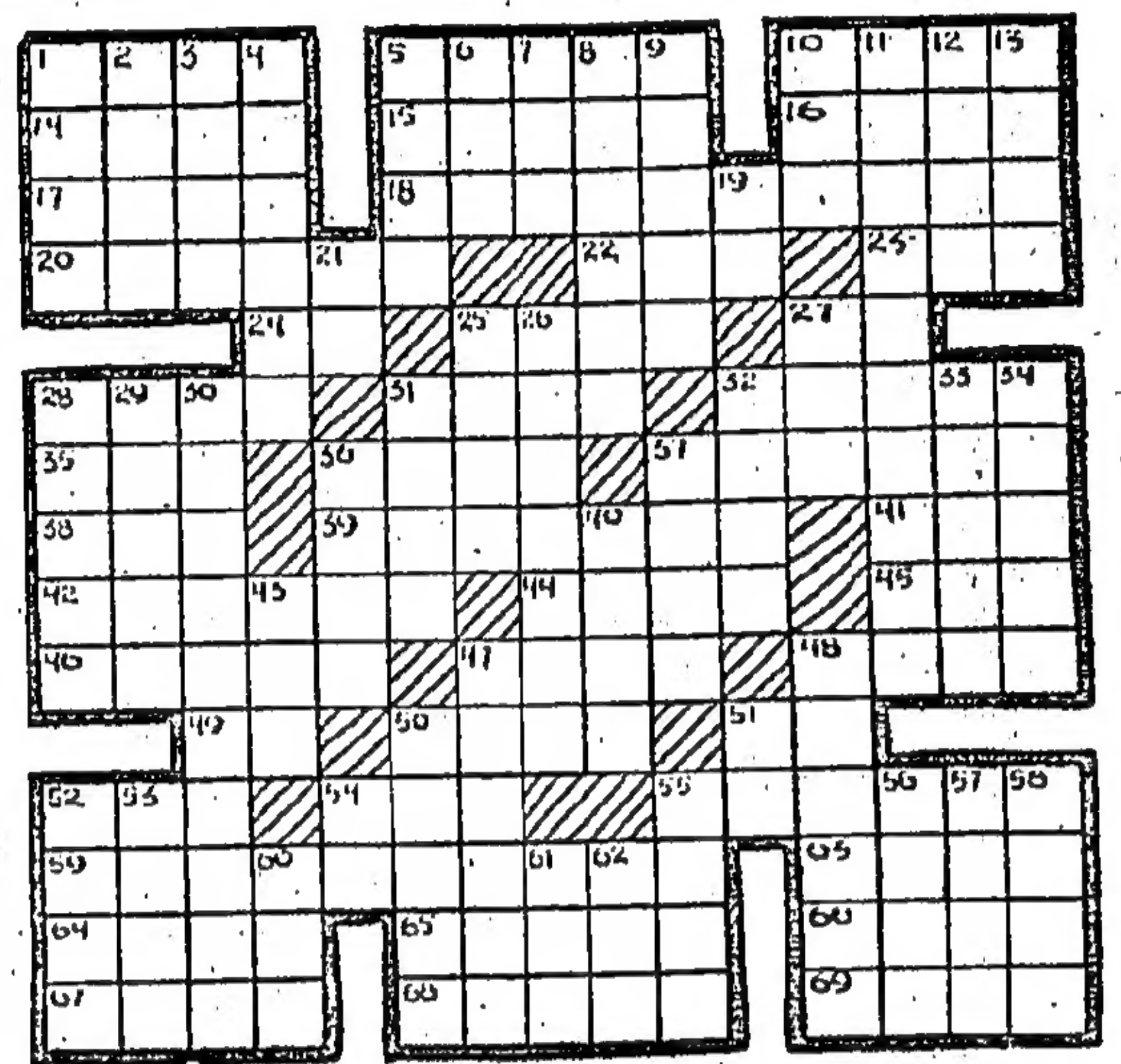
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- One of pieces of saddle-horse
- Start to highest degree
- Delicately colored gem
- Chamber used for cooking
- With wings
- Dispense in small quantities
- Material of body framework
- Appears in character of
- Does within
- Tock food
- Girl's nickname
- Note of scale
- Room for bathing
- Disjunctive degree
- Leaps over
- Money paid down
- Printed mistakes
- Long period of time
- Leave
- Untruth
- Caution of clear reasoning
- Buy insect
- Type of element (pl.)
- District
- Meadow
- Deal with wax
- Article of office furniture
- Not at all
- Very difficult
- This boy
- Ultra-radical in politics

DOWN

- Clothe
- River associated with furniture
- Chateausse
- Unit of currency
- Makes distance
- International committee
- Diminutive suffix
- Knock sharply
- Trade, open yellow
- Twisting
- Chewing implement
- Shout poem
- Table of bills
- For ear that
- Point of compass
- Run over
- Flour of gun firing
- Trade by unit
- Chart
- Window built out from wall
- Charmant to throne
- Make noise (ly don)
- Table set
- Woody plants
- Twisted slice of meat
- Native of Iwasaki
- Inner portion
- Push
- Ancient Roman
- Of greater comfort
- Put into effect
- Exclamation of exclaiming
- It is time
- Irishman's name
- Divine music
- Those who play for money (col.)
- Deathly spirit
- Repose
- Book box
- Prefix three
- Ovary



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By Ernie Bushmiller

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## THE JEWELS

IT WAS on a warmish April day in Paris that the manager of the Hotel Clarence was astonished to see a bearded man wearing the fur-collared coat, fur cap and heavy boots of a Russian emerged from the revolving door and stand gawking at the lobby's magnificence.

"Is there anything I can do for you, monsieur?" he inquired.

"No, no," replied the Russian, backing hurriedly out. The manager's astonishment turned to mystification when a second man, similarly clad, entered, stared about and beat a hasty retreat, only to be followed by a third who examined the lobby hastily as he kept turning the revolving door which ejected him as quickly as he had entered.

The three Russians went into a huddle on the sidewalk.

"Comrades," said one, "why should we lie to each other? It's wonderful!"

"Let's be honest," said the second. "Have we anything like it in Russia?"

They shook their heads in agreement.

"Can you imagine what the beds would be like in a hotel like that?" inquired the third.

"They tell me when you ring once the valet comes in," said the first. "When you ring twice you get the waiter, and when you ring three the maid comes in—a French maid!"

"Comrades," said the second, a gleam in his eyes, "if we ring nine times! . . . Let's go in!"

"Just a minute, Comrade Iranoff," said the first, "I have nothing against the idea, but I say let's go back to the Hotel Terminus. Moscow made our reservations there. We are on an official mission and have no right to change the order of our superior."

"Where is your courage, Comrade Buljanoff? Are you the Buljanoff who fought on the barricades? Are you now afraid to take a room with a bath?"

"I don't want to go to Siberia," said Buljanoff, stepping into their waiting taxi.

"If Lenin were alive," said the third Russian, "Comrade Kopalski, he would say, Buljanoff, Comrade, for once in your life you're in Paris. Don't be a fool. Go in there and ring three times."

"He wouldn't say that," objected Iranoff. "What he would say is, 'Buljanoff, you can't afford to live in a cheap hotel. Doesn't the prestige of the Bolsheviks mean anything to you?' Do you want to live in a hotel where you press for the hot water and cold water comes and when you press for cold water nothing comes out at all? Phooey, Buljanoff!"

"I still say our place is with the common people," replied Buljanoff, but weakening. "But, then, who am I to contradict Lenin? Let's go in!"



THE three men entered the hotel together and approached the manager diffidently. Kopalski introduced his comrades and himself as members of the Russian Board of Trade.

From the novel by M. LENGYEL  
Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lebbous Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

and inquired the price of rooms. "I'm afraid our rates are rather stiff," said the manager, anxious to get rid of them.

"Why should you be afraid?" "Oh I might be able to accommodate you," said the manager, haughtily eyeing their one suitcase. "Is there some more luggage?"

"Oh, yes, but have you a safe big enough to hold this?"

"Not in our vault, but there is one suite with a private safe, but gentleman, I'm afraid. . . . The apartment may suit your convenience but I doubt that it will fit your convictions. It's the Royal Suite."

The three Russians glanced at each other almost in consternation. Then they drew aside and consulted together in low voices.

"I warn you, Comrades," said Buljanoff, "if it gets out in Moscow that we stayed in the Royal Suite we will get into terrible trouble."

"We'll just say we had to take it," whispered Iranoff, "on account of the safe. There was no other safe big enough. It's a perfect excuse."

After further palaver, they returned to the manager. "Give us the Royal Suite," said Buljanoff. "And send up some breakfast."



WHILE his two comrades were placing the suitcase in the safe of the Royal Suite, and a Russian-looking waiter was setting the breakfast table, Kopalski went to the telephone in the ante-room.

"Connect me with Mercier, the jeweller, please."

The waiter's hand, about to place the napkin, hesitated, remained suspended over the table as he listened to Kopalski.

"I want to speak with Monsieur Mercier personally," said Kopalski into the telephone.

"Monsieur Mercier? . . . This is Kopalski of the Russian Board of Trade. We arrived this morning. . . . Yes, everything is here, the necklace, too. All fourteen pieces. . . . No, Monsieur, the court jewels of the Duchess Swana consisted of but the fourteen pieces. . . . Yes, naturally we have all the necessary credentials."

The waiter hurried from the room. . . .

THE maid of the Grand Duchess Swana opened the door of her apartment, and smiled at the elegant Parisian playboy who entered with the air of a man thoroughly at home.

"Good morning, Count d'Algot. Her Highness is still dressing."

"That's all right," replied the Count and entered the Duchess' boudoir with the easy air of an old friend. She turned towards him and he kissed her lightly.

"Good morning, Swana."

"It's really a wretched morning, Leon. I can't get myself right. I wanted to look mellow and I look brittle. My face doesn't compose well. I am so bored with this fool. . . . Why didn't you come last night?"

"Darling, I was busy looking out for your interests. Now, you can forget horse racing, roulette and the stock market. Our worries are over! You'll be in a position to give me that platinum watch at Mercier's—you remember, the one with diamond numbers."

"Oh, Leon, you are so good to me!" she murmured, slightly mischievously, and kissed him.

"You can be rich if you say the word. I had dinner with Guizet, the newspaper publisher last night. I sold him the idea of publishing your memoirs in the Gazette Parisienne."

"Oh, Leon!" she protested. "Sweetheart, we won't have to bother about our future if you are willing to raffle off your past!"

"Was it for this," sighed the Duchess, "that I refused to endorse Dr. Bertrand's mouthwash, or to say that the Vincent vacuum cleaner was the only one ever used by the Romanoffs? . . . And now you want me to smear my life's secrets over the front page of a tabloid!"

"I understand how you feel, but there is a limit to everything, particularly pride and dignity. The paper has a circulation of two million and Guizot is willing to pay any price!"

BUT Count Leon d'Algot knew this Duchess Swana and what note to play on. "Well, I am the last person to persuade you, but don't do it blindly. If this is your decision, you must be prepared for the consequences—I will have to go to work."

Swana got up and went over to him, and he knew he had been successful.

"Stop threatening, my little Volga boatman! I don't deserve this." She kissed him. "Two million readers. I know exactly what they want. Chapter I, 'A Childhood Behind Golden Bars. Lovely Little Princess Plays with Rasputin's Beard.'"

There was a rap on the door and the maid entered. "Count Rakonin asks the privilege of a few words, Your Highness."

"Count Rakonin?" queried d'Algot.

"He's a waiter at the Hotel Clarence, poor devil. You know him. Tell him I won't be able to see him for half an hour."

"The Count says if it could be as soon as possible. It is luncheon time and he's just between courses."

The Duchess, with a word of excuse, went into the living room.

"How do you do, my friend?" she said giving the Count her hand. "Have you lost your job?"

"No, Madame, something of the utmost importance. Your jewels—"

"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

"They are here—your jewels! Here in Paris!"

"Alexis! Do you know what you are saying?"

"This morning three Soviet agents arrived. They are going to sell your jewels to Mercier. I overheard their telephone conversation."

"Did I hear something about jewels?" asked Leon d'Algot, appearing in the doorway.

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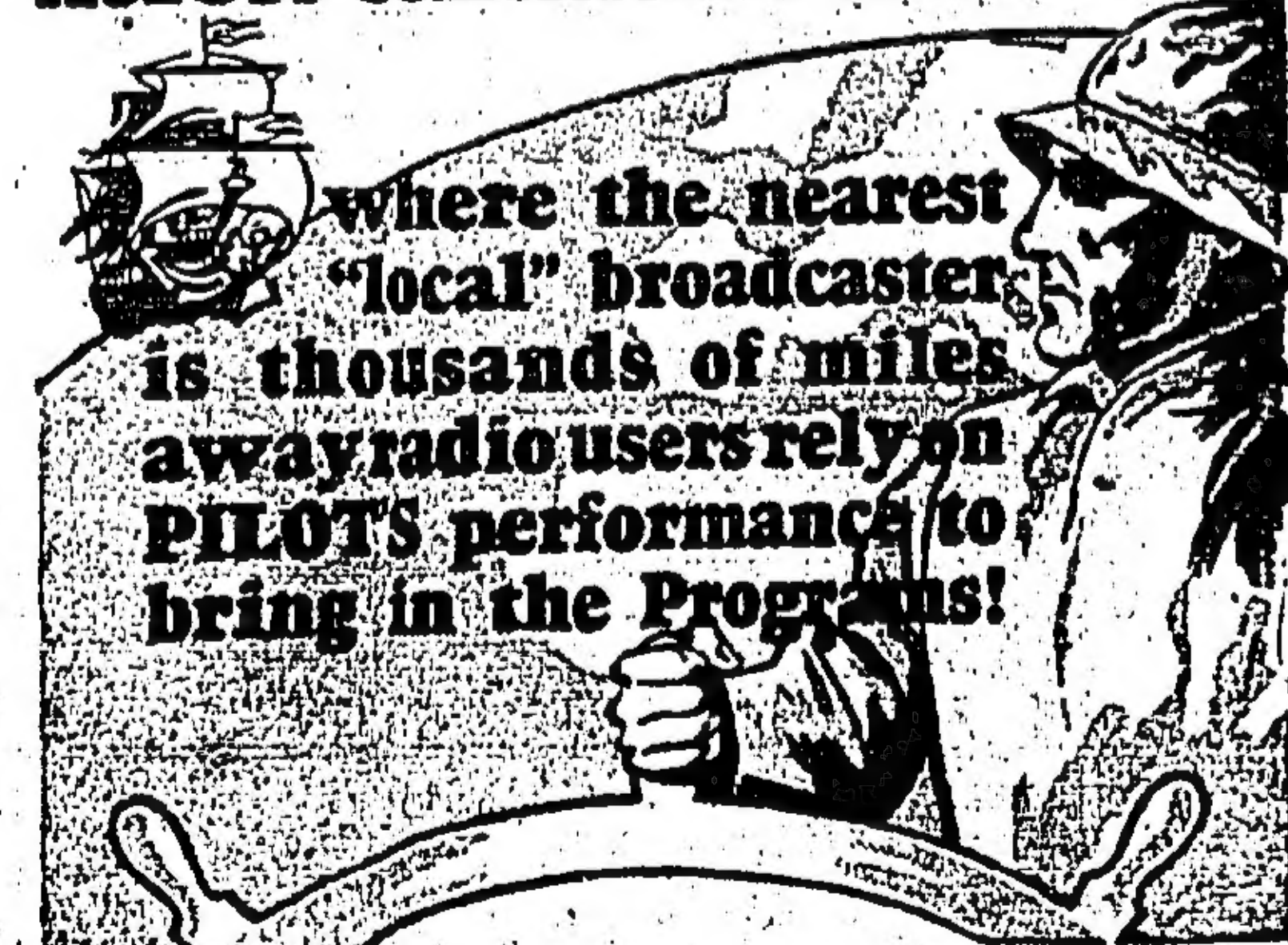


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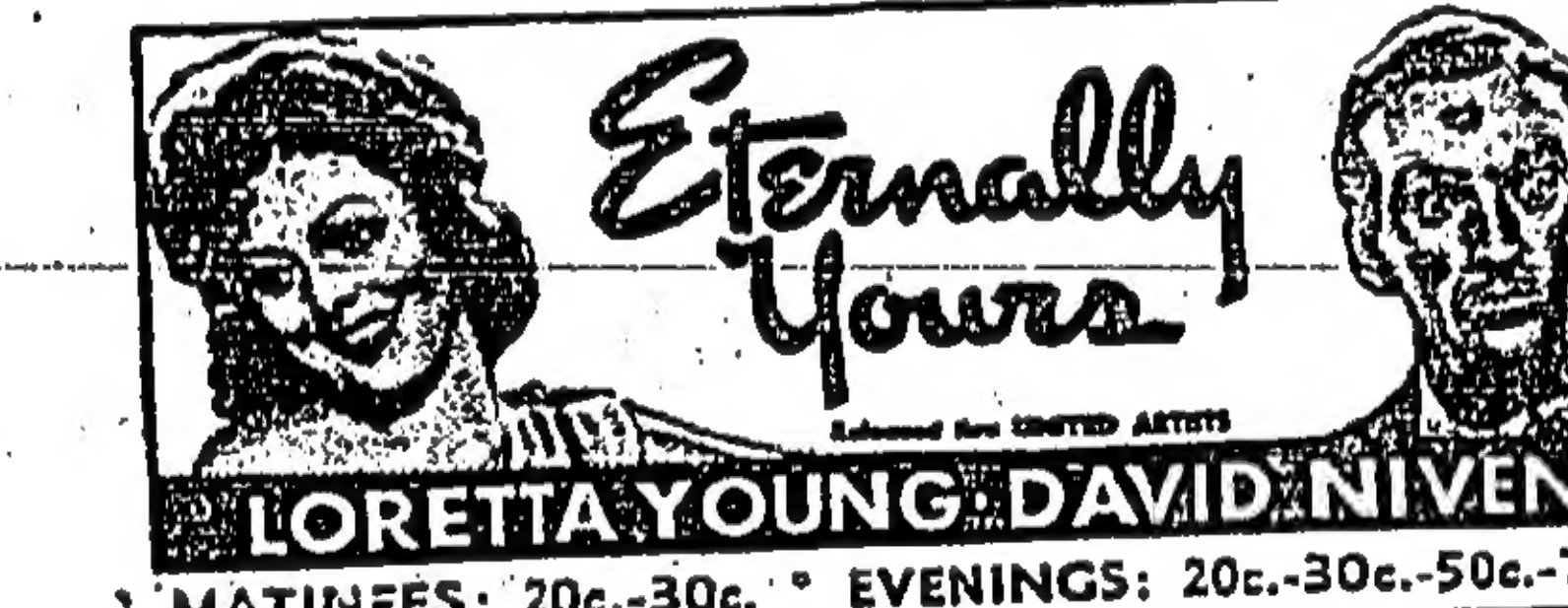
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## Europe Must Be Freed From Perpetual Threats Of Violence, Says Hitler—And Names England!

### NAZI PROPAGANDISTS STEAL OUR THUNDER

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A review of Nazi propaganda during the past month shows that it is developing steadily on one of its fundamental principles—accusing the Allies of the weakness the Nazis suffer from themselves.

This principle went into operation when the Nazis realised how greatly German sources of news were discredited. So the Nazis now proceed to try to discredit Allied news.

#### NAZI "WAR AIMS"

One of the most striking features of this has been on the subject of war and peace aims.

In the New Year message to the German people, the German war aims. So he took over the war aims of the Allies!

Germany and Europe must be freed from violence and the perpetual threats which proceeded from England, he said.

This, comment semi-official circles in London, comes odd from the man who annexed Austria, seized Czechoslovakia and plunged Europe into war by attacking Poland.

#### EFFECTIVENESS OF BIG LIE

Still, it is in keeping with "Mein Kampf," which stresses the effectiveness of a "big lie" as opposed to a small one.

In order to keep the tyrannised German workers quiet, the Nazis rant about the tyranny exercised in the British Empire and go back to the 18th, 17th and 16th centuries to find examples.

Similar methods are used in the propaganda about the sea war, religious freedom, free speech and so on.

It is interesting that to watch the development of Nazi propaganda trying to conceal Nazi weaknesses, not by defending them, but by making similar claims against the Allies.

Churchill's Speech Distorted  
LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—German propaganda is already trying to distort the speech made by Mr. Winston Churchill at Manchester.

Korrespondenz, "which is in close touch with the Nazi Foreign Office, said that Mr. Churchill reproached neutrals for "shirking from what is alleged to be their war."

There is no attempt to prove this point or back it up and Mr. Churchill himself would be somewhat puzzled to find out where they got this idea except possibly from his reference to the fact that Nazi sympathy for neutrals has been chiefly shown by sinking their ships.

#### QUICK WORK BY H.K. POLICE

Armed Robbers Seized  
Within Few Minutes

ANOTHER instance of quick work on the part of the Hong-kong Police was provided on Saturday afternoon, when L/Serjt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective rounded up a gang of armed robbers within a few minutes of an armed robbery.

The entire proceeds of the robbery were recovered.

The robbery occurred at 75 Nam Cheong Street, occupied by the Luen Fat money-changing establishment.

Five men, all armed with revolvers, participated in the attack, binding the six occupants of the premises with wire.

While they were ransacking the premises, two detectives approached and arrested an armed look-out at the point of the revolver.

The four men in the building were, however, warned and escaped through a side door.

They were chased for some distance by the two detectives who fired shots into the air in an effort to stop them. The detectives were unable to fire at the men owing to the danger of hitting other pedestrians.

A few minutes later, acting on information, L/Serjt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective visited the Kau Toi hotel where three men and a woman were arrested. A revolver and five rounds of ammunition, together with the proceeds of the robbery, were found.

#### Japanese Envoys Meet At Budapest

BUDAPEST, JAN. 27 (Domel).—A four-day conference of Japanese diplomats from various countries in Europe concluded to-day. The conference was calculated to exchange information and discuss recent developments in Europe, especially in the Balkans.

Conferees included Mr. Eiji Arai, the Japanese Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Teruo Hachijo, Japanese Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. Kojiro Inoue, Japanese Minister to Hungary, and Mr. Zuhiko Usami, Japanese Minister to Switzerland.

#### Three Word War Communique

Paris, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—For the fifth day in succession, this morning's French communique said, "Nothing to report."

It is learned that British and French sea patrols carried out a number of attacks on U-boats, but no details are yet available.

#### JAPANESE THRUSTS REPULSED

Renewed Activity On  
China's War Fronts

Following general inactivity during the recent cold spell, many test thrusts by small units of Japanese forces on the Central China fronts were made during the week-end.

Reports from Chungking state, however, that all these thrusts were repulsed.

In South Hupoh, Japanese border artillery on the Chinese positions at Kuling, Fuling and nearby points. An infantry charge followed, but Chinese machine-gun posts, nesting among the hills beat back the Japanese troops.

On the Hupoh-Hunan border, the Japanese at Tungchun lost some 100 men in an attack on Paochoshan across the river on the evening of January 25.

#### Attacks Repulsed

On the North Kiangsi front, two Japanese drives from the bank of the Chin River were repulsed on Saturday. The invaders used artillery and gas bombs, it is alleged, but failed to dislodge the Chinese defenders.

A Japanese thrust at Poshangchen, west of Tsinnyang in North Honan, under cover of artillery fire was repulsed by the Chinese on Saturday.

The Japanese are stated to have sustained heavy casualties.

A belated report from Shukwan states that two Japanese attempts to drive into the centre of Hainan island from the south-eastern coast were frustrated by Chinese resistance in the early part of this month.

On January 5, a part of the Japanese garrison at Manning, an important Hainan city near the coast, opened a drive on Fengkaling, a Chinese stronghold to the west, with the support of five scouting planes.

The Japanese troops, it is claimed, were ambushed in the hills and the remnants had to flee to Manning.

On January 3, a Japanese company at Ahsien, chief city of South Hainan, started a similar drive on Lokung along the highway with two planes in attendance. The Japanese were beaten back after several hours of brisk fighting.

#### British Recruiting Office In France

PARIS, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A British Embassy communique has announced the establishment of a British recruiting office in Paris.

British subjects resident in France between the ages of 20 and 30 who desire to volunteer for service in the British Army are asked to communicate with the recruiting office.

The announcement adds that recruiting centres will be established throughout France.

#### GALA PREMIERE FOR CHARITY

The major part of the proceeds of the gala premiere of the picture "Junete", starring Paul Muni and Bette Davis, which will take place on February 6, at 9.30 p.m. at the King's Theatre, will be devoted to the International Peace Hospital for the care of wounded soldiers in China.

The film, which deals with the liberation of Mexico, has been called the best picture of 1939, and Paul Muni's characterisation of Juarez, the country's greatest President, is perhaps the most successful of his career.

His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Lady Northcote have kindly consented to be present.

#### LATE NEWS

#### JAPAN REJECTS REPLY

To Demand Return  
Of 21 Germans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Jan. 29 (Domel).—It is understood that Japan has rejected the British reply to the protest regarding the Asama Maru incident.

The Japanese Foreign Office is now preparing a second protest, which will probably be presented to Sir Robert Craigie to-morrow.

In its second protest, Japan will invoke the right reserved in the first Note and will formally demand the return of the German passengers removed from the Asama Maru and now interned in Hongkong.

Following a study of the British reply, the Foreign Office is understood to have reached the following conclusions:

1.—The Japanese Interpretation of International Law as affecting the Asama Maru incident differs from the British Interpretation;

2.—Japan's view is not regulated by any specific circumstances, and there seems to be a serious misunderstanding on this point on the part of the British Government;

3.—The Asama Maru, a neutral ship, was stopped and searched while sailing from a neutral country to a neutral country;

4.—The technical aspects of the British Navy's action are far from being lawful.

#### Johnson In Hankow

HANKOW, Jan. 29 (Domel).—The U.S. Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, has arrived at Hankow from Shanghai. He travelled by the Yangtze route.

## QUEENS & ALHAMBRA

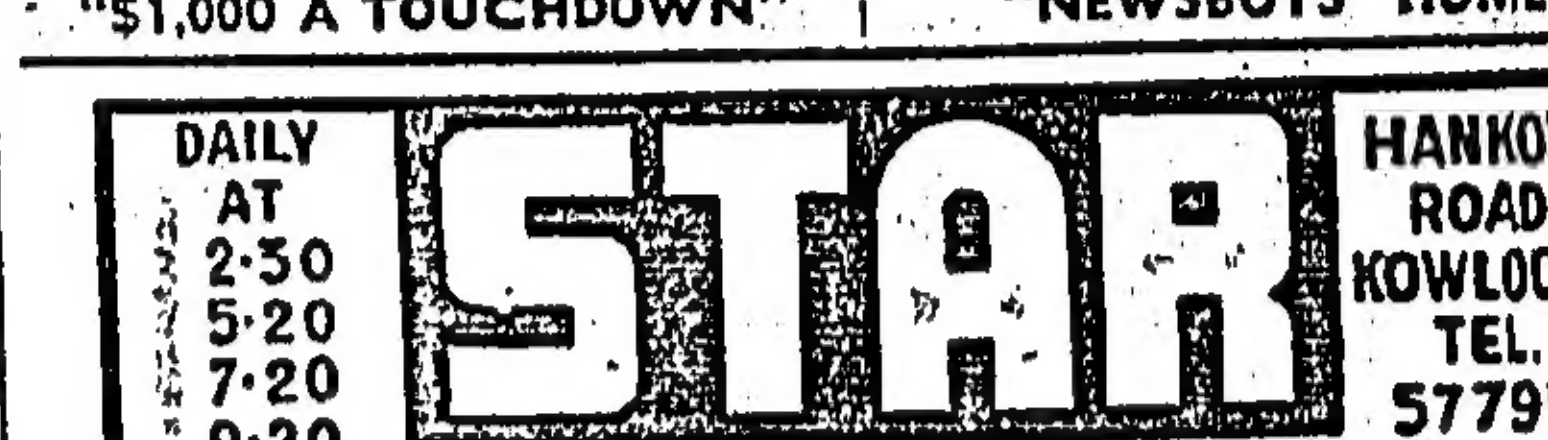
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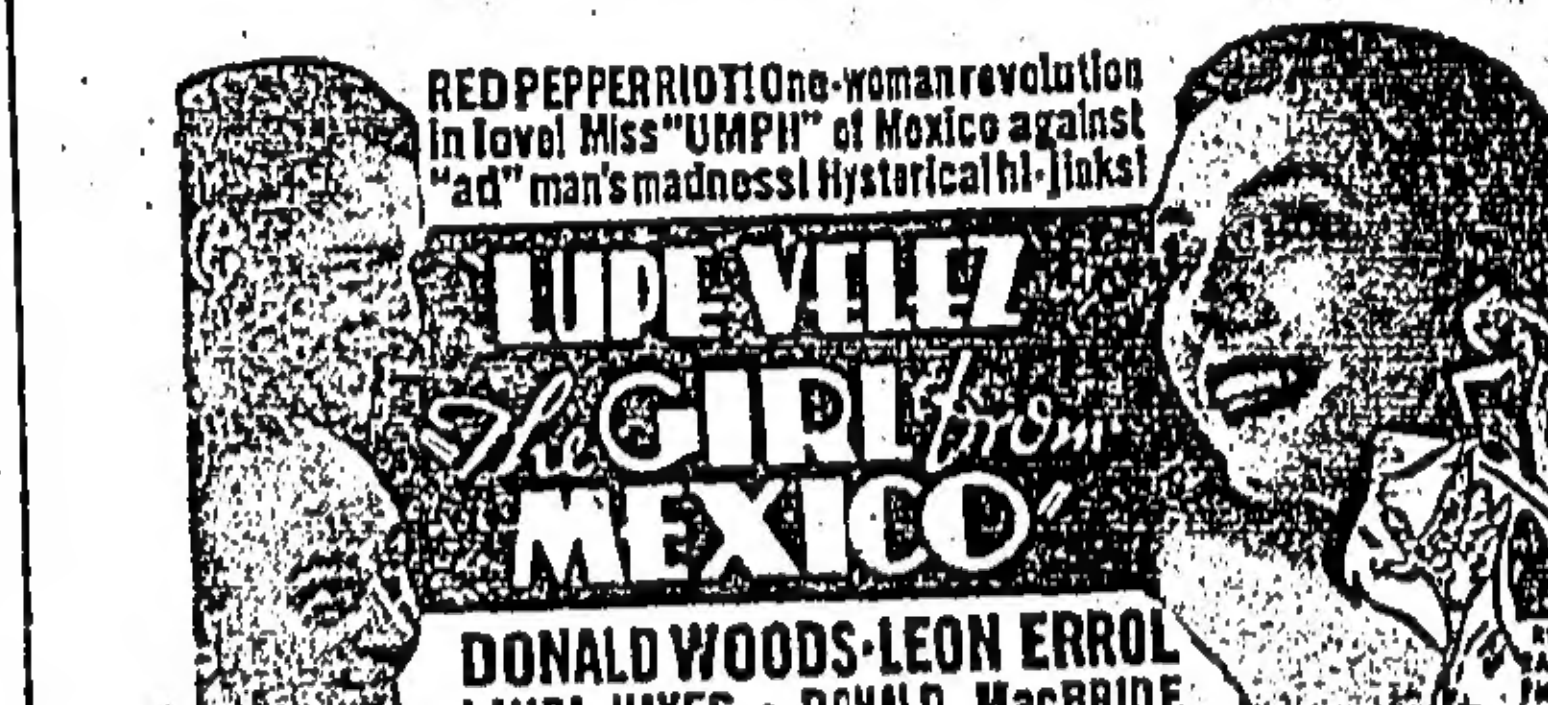
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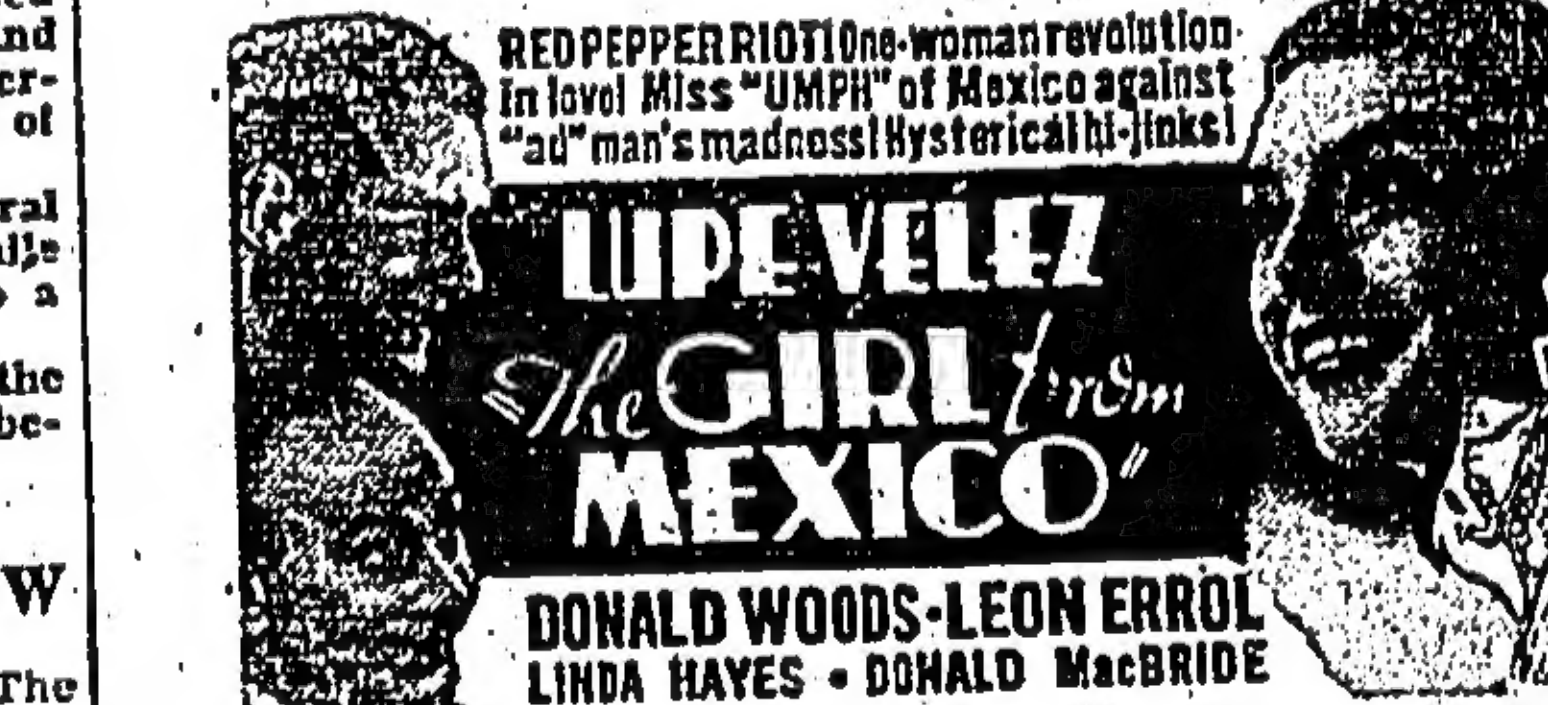
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LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—"Soldiers, with my forehead I greet you," said Sir Kingsley Wood in Polish when he visited on Saturday several hundred Polish airmen who are now connected with the R.A.F. some where in England.

"With our forehead, Mr. Minister, we greet you," replied the Poles in their own language.

The Poles wear R.A.F. uniforms with the addition of the Polish eagle on the caps and the word "Poland" on the sleeves.

The Polish national flag flies from the same mast as the R.A.F. flag over their aerodrome.

#### British Help For Stricken Turks

ISTANBUL, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The British delegate to help in the distribution of clothing, medicines, food and other relief to earthquake victims reached Istanbul to-day.

He was given an official welcome. He is proceeding to the stricken area to-morrow.

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